

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BOARDMAN

DATE: July 2, 1954

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ANNUAL LEAVE - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR BELMONT

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In connection with annual leave, I plan to vacation with my family at East Dennis, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, for two weeks and then will return to Washington for the remaining week. I will be leaving early tomorrow morning, July 3, 1954, by automobile. I will be in touch with the New Haven Office en route tomorrow evening, and will, of course, keep in touch periodically with the Bureau.

If this is not agreeable, please advise.

CC - Movement Section

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *LB*

DATE: July 6, 1954

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

SUBJECT: ITINERARY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR BELMONT

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Mr. Belmont called Mr. Hennrich on the afternoon of July 6, 1954, and advised that while on annual leave he could be reached c/o Mrs. John A. Ellen, South Street, East Dennis, Massachusetts. The telephone number is Dennis 69. This is a phone in the home of Mrs. Ellen, which is immediately adjacent to the house occupied by Belmont and he can always be reached up there.

ACTION:

For your information.

CEH:bal *bal*

Mrs. Foster
advised 7/8/54
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REPORT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME BELMONT ALAN HARNDEN				2. GRADE AND COMPONENT OR POSITION ASST. DR.		3. IDENTIFICATION NO.	
4. HOME ADDRESS (Number, street or RFD, city or town, zone and State)				5. PURPOSE OF EXAMINATION ANNUAL		6. DATE OF EXAMINATION 9-14-54	
7. SEX M	8. RACE W	9. TOTAL YRS. GOVT. SERVICE MILITARY CIVILIAN		10. DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR SERVICE		11. ORGANIZATION UNIT	
12. DATE OF BIRTH 1-22-07		13. PLACE OF BIRTH New York		14. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN			
15. EXAMINING FACILITY OR EXAMINER, AND ADDRESS Bethesda				16. OTHER INFORMATION			

17. RATING OR SPECIALTY		TIME IN THIS CAPACITY: TOTAL	LAST SIX MONTHS
CLINICAL EVALUATION		NOTES. —Describe every abnormality in detail. (Enter pertinent item number before each comment; continue in item 73 and use additional sheets if necessary.)	

NORMAL	ABNORMAL	(Check each item in appropriate column; enter "N. E." if not evaluated)
X		18. HEAD, FACE, NECK, AND SCALP
	X	19. NOSE
X		20. SINUSES
X		21. MOUTH AND THROAT
X		22. EARS—GENERAL (Int. & ext. canals) (Auditory acuity under items 70 and 71)
X		23. DRUMS (Perforation)
X		24. EYES—GENERAL (Visual acuity and refraction under items 69, 60, and 61)
X		25. OPHTHALMOSCOPIC
X		26. PUPILS (Equality and reaction)
X		27. OCULAR MOTILITY (Associated parallel movements, nystagmus)
X		28. LUNGS AND CHEST (Include breasts)
X		29. HEART (Thrust, size, rhythm, sounds)
X		30. VASCULAR SYSTEM (Varicosities, etc.)
X		31. ABDOMEN AND VISCERA (Include hernia)
X		32. ANUS AND RECTUM (Hemorrhoids, fistulae) (Prostate if indicated)
X		33. ENDOCRINE SYSTEM
X		34. G-U SYSTEM
X		35. UPPER EXTREMITIES (Strength, range of motion)
X		36. FEET
X		37. LOWER EXTREMITIES (Except feet) (Strength, range of motion)
X		38. SPINE, OTHER MUSCULOSKELETAL
X		39. IDENTIFYING BODY MARKS, SCARS, TATTOOS
X		40. SKIN, LYMPHATICS
X		41. NEUROLOGIC (Equilibrium tests under item 72)
NR		42. PSYCHIATRIC (Specify any personality deviation)
Females only		(Check how done)
		43. PELVIC <input type="checkbox"/> VAGINAL <input type="checkbox"/> RECTAL

NOTES.—Describe every abnormality in detail. (Enter pertinent item number before each comment; continue in item 73 and use additional sheets if necessary.)

Deviated septum NCD

44. DENTAL (*Place appropriate symbols above or below number of upper and lower teeth, respectively*)

O.—Restorable teeth	<u>X</u> .—Missing teeth	<u>(6 X 8)</u> .—Fixed bridge, brackets to include abutments
I.—Nonrestorable teeth	<u>XXX</u> .—Replaced by dentures	

	X						X			X								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	10		11	12	13	14	15	16
RIGHT	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25		24	23		22	21	20	19	18	17
			X													X		

REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL DENTAL DEFECTS AND DISEASES

Type III
Class 1
DTR-pr.-max.

LABORATORY FINDINGS

45. URINALYSIS: SP. GR. 1.021			46. CHEST X-RAY (Place, date, film number, result)
ALBUMIN	SUGAR	MICROSCOPIC	
Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Negative

48. EKG Normal	49. BLOOD TYPE AND RH FACTOR	50. OTHER TESTS
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47. SEROLOGY (Specify test used and result)
Kahn. Negative

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SEP 27 1954

MEASUREMENTS AND OTHER FINDINGS																																			
51. HEIGHT 5'10"		52. WEIGHT 184		53. COLOR HAIR brown		54. COLOR EYES		55. BUILD: SLENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MEDIUM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HEAVY <input type="checkbox"/> OBESE <input type="checkbox"/>		56. TEMP. Normal																									
57. BLOOD PRESSURE (Arm at heart level)						58. PULSE (Arm at heart level)																													
SITTING SYS. 118 DIAS. 70		RECUM-BENT SYS. DIAS.		STANDING (3 min.) SYS. DIAS.		SITTING 68		AFTER EXERCISE		2 MIN. AFTER																									
59. DISTANT VISION		60. REFRACTION				61. NEAR VISION																													
RIGHT 20/20 CORR. TO 20/		BY S. CX				CORR. TO BY																													
LEFT 20/20 CORR. TO 20/		BY S. CX				CORR. TO BY																													
62. HETEROPHORIA: (Specify distance) ES° EX° R. H. L. H. PRISM DIV. PRISM CONV. PC PD																																			
63. ACCOMMODATION RIGHT LEFT				64. COLOR VISION (Test used and result) Normal				65. DEPTH PERCEPTION (Test used and score) UNCORRECTED CORRECTED																											
66. FIELD OF VISION				67. NIGHT VISION (Test used and score)				68. RED LENS		69. INTRAOCULAR TENSION																									
70. HEARING		71. AUDIOMETER						72. PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOMOTOR (Tests used and score)																											
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73. NOTES (Continued) AND SIGNIFICANT OR INTERVAL HISTORY																																			

(Use additional sheets of plain paper if necessary)

74. SUMMARY OF DEFECTS AND DIAGNOSES (List diagnoses with item numbers)											
75. RECOMMENDATIONS—FURTHER SPECIALIST EXAMINATIONS INDICATED (Specify)								76. PHYSICAL PROFILE			
								P	U	L	H
77. EXAMINEE (Check) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IS QUALIFIED FOR strenuous physical exertion & use of firearms. <input type="checkbox"/> IS NOT								PHYSICAL CATEGORY			
78. IF NOT QUALIFIED, LIST DISQUALIFYING DEFECTS BY ITEM NUMBER								A	B	C	E
79. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PHYSICIAN						SIGNATURE					
80. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PHYSICIAN						SIGNATURE					
81. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF DENTIST OR PHYSICIAN (Indicate which)						SIGNATURE					
82. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF REVIEWING OFFICER OR APPROVING AUTHORITY						SIGNATURE					
						NUMBER OF ATTACHED SHEETS					

ATTACHMENT TO STANDARD FORM 88
(Revised July 21, 1952)

Report of Medical Examination

FOR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE OF MEDICAL EXAMINER:

The following portions of the attached examination report form need not be completed:

2	67
3	68
11	69
14	71 (unless other
17	examination indi-
62	cates desirable)
65	72

Item 48, the electrocardiogram, is not required unless the examinee is over 35 years of age or unless other examination indicates such is desirable.

If the examinee is an applicant, the Chest X ray and blood type and Rh factor (Items 46 and 49) are not necessary unless the facilities for affording same are readily available to the examiner.

FOR ALL EXAMINEES, WHETHER CLERICAL OR SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANTS OR EMPLOYEES:

The medical examiner should answer the following question:

Examinee 13 qualified for strenuous physical
(is or is not)
exertion. (Designate which)

FOR ALL MALE EMPLOYEES OR APPLICANTS:

The medical examiner is requested to answer the following:

Does examinee have any defects restricting or prohibiting his participation in defensive tactics and dangerous assignments which might entail the practical use of firearms?

No
If answer is "yes" please specify.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL STATEMENTS IN ITEMS 59, 61, 64 AND 70 PERTAINING TO VISUAL ACUITY, COLOR VISION AND HEARING BE COMPLETED IN DETAIL.

[Signature]
(Signature of Medical Examiner)

8/26/54
(Date)

67-94639-352

TO: Mr. Harbo

July 6, 1954

FROM: G. C. Gearty

SUBJECT: SPECIAL CONFERENCE 7-1-54
SAC'S AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS
KIDNAPPING SQUAD

Reurmemo to Mr. Tolson 7-2-54 setting forth the fact that a special conference for SAC's and Administrative Officers who had been trained in the Kidnapping Squad courses as well as certain selective representatives at the Seat of Government had been held on 7-1-54.

For record purposes there is set forth below the identification of those who were in attendance at this conference. A copy of this memorandum is being designated for the personnel file of each of those who were in attendance at this conference. b6

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

BOARDMAN, L. V.	MOHR, J. P.	GEARTY, G. C.	GALLAGHER, R. J.
NICHOLS, L. B.	PARSONS, D. J.	WINTERROWD, E. H.	HUGHES, E. H.
BELMONT, A. H.	ROSEN, A.	PRICE, F. L.	
HARBO, R. T.	TAMM, Q.	MYERS, O. F.	

(SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE)

(ADM. OFFICER - #1 MAN)

HOSTETTER, D. S. (SAC)	NEWARK	ALDEN, S. (SAC)	KNOXVILLE
KELLY, J. J. "	NEW YORK	CASPER, J. J. "	NEW HAVEN
SIMON, W. G. (ASAC)	NEW YORK	BOSWELL, H. C. "	NEW ORLEANS
HAWKINS, H. O. (SAC)	ATLANTA	BURKE, W. W., JR. "	LITTLE ROCK
POWERS, E. J. "	MIAMI	CHILES, M. P. "	SAN ANTONIO
AUERBACH, R. D. "	SEATTLE	BRYCE, D. A. "	ALBUQUERQUE
MALONE, J. F. "	LOS ANGELES	POSTER, J. B. "	DENVER
WHELAN, W. M., JR. "	SAN FRANCISCO	SANTOIANA, J. F. "	PORTLAND
MCINTIRE, F. H. "	DETROIT	BLAYLOCK, L. "	INDIANAPOLIS
MILNES, J. E. "	ST. LOUIS	WILLIAMS, W. H. "	OMAHA

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1. Agency and organizational designations U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation					2. Pay roll period		3. Block No.		4. Slip No. 10045	
5. Employee's name (and social security account number when appropriate) MR. ALAN H. BELMONT					6. Grade and salary GS 17 \$13,400					
Assistant Dir.										
PAY ROLL CHANGE DATA										
	BASE PAY	OVERTIME		GROSS PAY	RET.	TAX.....	BOND	F. I. C. A.		NET PAY
7. Previous normal										
8. New normal										
9. Pay this period										
10. Remarks:						11. Appropriation(s)			12. Prepared by	
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14. Effective date 12-24-53	15. Date last equivalent increase 4-26-53	16. Old salary rate \$13,400	17. New salary rate \$13,600	18. Performance rating is satisfactory or better.						
				(Signature or other authentication) <i>[Signature]</i>						
19. LWOP data (Fill in appropriate spaces covering LWOP during following period(s): Period(s): 5-5-53 to 5-19-53						(Check applicable box in case of excess LWOP) <input type="checkbox"/> In pay status at end of waiting period. <input type="checkbox"/> In LWOP status at end of waiting period.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No excess LWOP. Total excess LWOP \$1,195.40						JL:fa Initials of Clerk				
STANDARD FORM NO. 1126d—Revised Form prescribed by Comp. Gen., U. S. Nov. 8, 1950, General Regulations No. 102										
PAY ROLL CHANGE SLIP—PERSONNEL COPY										

October 15, 1954

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Belmont:

I have viewed with concern the delay which occurred in the Domestic Intelligence Division in the handling of a letter dated September 14, 1954, from the Miami Division pertaining to a request made by Mr. George A. Brautigam, State Attorney, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, Miami, Florida, for the identity of any informants who could be released to testify in the state prosecution of [redacted] for perjury. I have noted that this letter was received in the Internal Security Section on September 22, 1954, and no reply was sent to the Miami Division until September 30, 1954. I realize that considerable research was necessary before this reply could be sent; nevertheless, it is obvious that this matter could have been handled more promptly than it was by the Domestic Intelligence Division.

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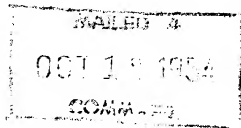
Accordingly, I shall expect you to take proper measures to insure that in the future matters of this nature are thoroughly and promptly handled by personnel under your supervision in order that there will be no further instance of such delay attributable to the Domestic Intelligence Division.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: October 8, 1954

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
FBI File 100-373466

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SYNOPSIS:

George A. Brautigam, State Attorney, 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, Miami, Florida, by letter dated October 4, 1954, advised that [REDACTED] had testified before a Dade County Grand Jury and denied present or past Communist Party (CP) membership. The letter indicated that our Miami Office had been requested to volunteer the identity of any informants who could be released to testify in the state prosecution of [REDACTED] for perjury. As an enclosure to the letter, there was attached a letter to the State Attorney's office dated September 19, 1954, from [REDACTED], in which [REDACTED] identified [REDACTED] as a Communist and submitted the names of eight individuals who he believed might be in a position to advise regarding [REDACTED] CP membership. Brautigam's letter also listed three additional persons who allegedly had information regarding [REDACTED] CP membership. The letter requested that the Bureau advise whether any of the individuals could be used as witnesses concerning [REDACTED] CP membership. The letter indicated that none of the individuals who might be potential witnesses had been contacted by Brautigam's office and would not be contacted until this matter had been cleared with the Bureau. Brautigam's request of our Miami Office was called to the Bureau's attention by Miami letter dated September 14, 1954, which requested Bureau authority to make available to Brautigam the identity of persons who are not active security informants. Bureau letter dated September 30, 1954, to Miami denied authority to make available the identity of the potential witnesses to Brautigam, but indicated that the Bureau would consider furnishing him with public source material. Concerning the Miami request to the Bureau and the Bureau's reply, the Director asked "Why did it take us so long to advise Miami? H." The Miami letter was received by the Records Section at the Bureau on September 16, 1954. It was received in the Internal Security Section on September 22, 1954, and handled by the supervisor by letter to Miami dated Friday, September 24, 1954. The outgoing letter was returned by Mr. Boardman's office to Mr. Belmont's office where it was stamped in at 4:55 p.m., Friday, September 24, 1954. On Monday, September 27, 1954, it was returned to the Internal Security Section from Mr. Belmont's office so that consideration might be given to whether or not it would be feasible to call [REDACTED] before a Federal Grand Jury. After careful consideration

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and study was made of all the facts involved, it was determined that calling [] before a Federal Grand Jury would not be feasible. This conclusion was reached on September 29 and the original letter to Miami was redated for September 30 and sent back for approval on September 29, 1954. The Bureau's files have been reviewed concerning the three individuals mentioned in Brautigam's letter and the eight individuals in the enclosure to that letter suggested as possible witnesses in a state perjury trial. The files reveal that none of these individuals are currently Bureau informants and the Bureau would interpose no objection to their use as witnesses in a state prosecution.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) With respect to the Director's inquiry, in view of the fact that the Miami letter was originally handled by the supervisor in the Internal Security Section within two days after its receipt in that Section, and, in view of the fact that it was necessary after the question had been raised concerning whether or not [] should be taken before a Federal Grand Jury to give this matter appropriate consideration and study, it is recommended that no administrative action is necessary with respect to the handling of this piece of mail. You may be assured, however, that every effort is being made by the Domestic Intelligence Division to handle all mail promptly.

*It took too long to handle all the way along,
from Records Division until it was finally handled by
Domestic Intelligence IBar. There is a substantial
reason for this delay!*

(2) If you approve, there is attached hereto a letter to George A. Brautigam acknowledging the receipt of his letter dated October 4, 1954, advising him that he will be contacted by the Special Agent in Charge of the Miami Office concerning the subject matter of his letter.

*I recommend censure
for Mr. Belmont +
that Records Section
submit its explanation
for any delay there.*

(3) If you approve, copies of the Bureau's acknowledgment to Mr. Brautigam will be forwarded to the Miami Office instructing the SAC to personally contact Brautigam and advise him of the confidential nature of the Bureau's files, in view of which the Bureau is not in a position to approve or disapprove any contact with or use by Brautigam as witnesses any of the individuals listed in the letter to the Bureau or in its enclosure. The SAC will be authorized to furnish Brautigam on a confidential basis, with the distinct understanding that such information shall not be attributed to the Bureau, all public source material pertinent to Hirsch's CP membership which is available in the Miami Office or which may be made available to Miami by either the Charlotte, Norfolk, or Washington Field Offices. It is noted that in Bulet dated September 30, 1954, copies of which were designated to each of the above-mentioned offices, those offices were instructed to advise the Bureau and Miami Office of any public source material available concerning Hirsch.

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(4) If you approve, there is attached hereto a teletype to the Miami Office with copies for Charlotte, Washington Field, and Norfolk, instructing the last-named offices to immediately advise the Bureau and Miami Office of the results of their file reviews with respect to public source material concerning [redacted].

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DETAILS:

By letter dated October 4, 1954, George A. Brautigam, State Attorney, 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, Miami, Florida, advised that [redacted] had testified before a Dade County Grand Jury that he is not and never was a member of the Communist Party (CP). Brautigam indicated that he had information indicating that [redacted] and [redacted], had been members of the CP at Chapel Hill, Durham, North Carolina. Brautigam indicated that consideration was being given to the prosecution of [redacted] in state court for perjury.

He advised that several weeks ago he had requested our Miami Office to assist in the state's prosecution by advising of the identity of confidential informants who might be released for use as witnesses in a perjury trial of [redacted]. He stated that he had not received an answer from our Miami Office. b6 b7C

In his letter, Brautigam advised that he had been informed that the following individuals are alleged to have information concerning [redacted]: [redacted], Michigan State College; [redacted], who is connected with the [redacted] in New York City; [redacted], North Carolina.

As an enclosure to his letter, Brautigam furnished the Bureau with a copy of a letter dated September 19 (1954) from [redacted], North Carolina, in which Long stated he knew [redacted] to be a Communist and submitted the names of eight individuals described as "exposed Reds," who were known to [redacted] and to [redacted]. b6 b7C

Brautigam's letter requested that the Bureau advise whether or not any of the individuals mentioned above may be contacted concerning the CP membership of [redacted]. He indicated that none of these individuals have as yet been contacted as he wished to clear with the Bureau to be sure that none of them were of value to the Bureau. b6 b7C

Brautigam's request of our Miami Office was called to the Bureau's attention by Miami letter dated September 14, 1954. This was answered by Bulet dated September 30, 1954, indicating that the Bureau would consider furnishing Brautigam on a confidential basis public source data concerning [redacted]. It indicated that the Bureau could not authorize the dissemination of any information from our files nor would the Bureau authorize divulging the names of any confidential informants who might be of value as witnesses. With respect to Miami's letter and the Bureau's reply, the Director inquired "Why did it take us so long to advise Miami? H." The Miami letter dated September 14, 1954, was received at the Bureau and stamped into the Records Section on September 16, 1954. It was forwarded to the Internal Security Section and stamped into that Section on September 22, 1954. This letter was handled immediately by the supervisor to whom it was assigned and a letter was prepared, addressed to Miami, dated September 24, 1954. It was approved by the Internal Security Section and routed to Mr. Boardman's office on September 24, 1954. On the same date, it was returned to Mr. Belmont's office, by Mr. Boardman's office, where it was stamped in at 4:55 p.m., Friday, September 24, 1954. On Monday, September 27, 1954, it was routed to the Internal Security Section. It was returned so that consideration might be

given to whether or not it would be feasible to call [] before a Federal Grand Jury. This matter was given careful and detailed study and based thereon it was determined that calling [] before a Federal Grand Jury would not be advisable. This decision was reached on September 29, 1954, and the original letter prepared by the Internal Security Section was redated for September 30, 1954, and returned to Mr. Boardman's office for approval on September 29, 1954.

The Bureau's files have been reviewed concerning each of the individuals mentioned in Mr. Brautigam's letter dated October 4, 1954, and its enclosure. This review reflects the following information:

[] is the subject of Bureau file 65-30717. [] is a Security Index subject of the Charlotte Office. This investigation is currently in a closed status. [] during March, 1953, appeared before the Jenner Committee as a witness and invoked the Fifth Amendment. He currently resides at [], North Carolina.

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[] is the subject of Bureau file 100-377900. This individual, [], resides at [], North Carolina. She likewise appeared before the Jenner Committee during March, 1953, as a witness and invoked the Fifth Amendment. This individual is the subject of a closed security matter investigation in the Charlotte Office and is included in the Security Index.

[], Bureau file 100-372421. This individual is former Confidential Informant [] who was discontinued on []. He is publicly known as a former FBI informant based upon newspaper publicity which appeared in the [], following his appearance before the Subversive Activities Control Board as a witness in hearings relating to the [].

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[] Bureau file 40-32121. This individual is included in the Security Index. He is a potential Smith Act subject in which Charlotte is the office of prosecution. He presently resides in Newark, New Jersey, and is employed as an instructor in the Newark College of Engineering.

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[], Bureau file 100-175577. This individual is not included in the Security Index. However, he was interviewed on August 1, 1951, at which time he was cooperative and

admitted having been a member of the CP during the years 1934 and 1935 while a student in Durham, North Carolina. He has never had any informant status.

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[redacted] Bureau file 100-357148. This individual, who is the writer of Brautigam's enclosed letter, is former Confidential Informant [redacted] who was discontinued on [redacted] is publicly known as a former Bureau informant as he has appeared as a Government witness in the Smith Act trials in Baltimore and in the second Smith Act trial in New York City.

[redacted] Bureau file 100-376605. This individual is not included in the Security Index and is the subject of a closed security matter investigation in the Charlotte Office. His file reflects that he was associated with CP members prior to 1938 and investigation revealed no Communist affiliation subsequent to that year.

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[redacted] Bureau file 100-11592. This individual, a Security Index subject, is a potential Smith Act subject in which the Charlotte Office is the office of prosecution. He is the [redacted] [redacted], and his current whereabouts is unknown. The Department of Justice has not indicated any intention to proceed under the Smith Act against this individual in the immediate future.

[redacted] Bureau file 100-384292. This individual is the subject of a closed security matter investigation in which Detroit is the office of origin. He is not included in the Security Index. Investigation revealed that he was a CP member from 1934 to 1937. He was interviewed during September, 1952, by Bureau Agents, was cooperative, admitted past CP membership, and furnished information concerning individuals known to him to be Communists. He has never been used as an informant of the Bureau.

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[redacted] Bureau file 100-344338. This individual is the subject of a closed security investigation in which New Haven was origin. He is a former Security Index subject. During November, 1953, he was interviewed by Bureau Agents, was cooperative, admitted CP membership through 1948, and furnished information concerning the CP membership of others. As of February, 1954, Bureau received information that this individual had accepted a teaching position in Israel and was believed to have either left the United States as of that time or would leave shortly thereafter.

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[redacted] This individual is the [redacted]
[redacted]. She was reportedly active in the CP in 1947 and 1948
but was dropped from membership during July, 1948. She is not
included in the Security Index.

[redacted]. The Bureau's files
reflect no information to indicate that this individual has been
the subject of a Bureau investigation. Likewise, the files reflect
no data to indicate that this individual is or has been an informant
of this Bureau.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 15, 1954

The radiogram from San Juan concerning the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico was sent by San Juan starting at 12:52 AM, and the sending was completed and received here at 1:08 AM, at which time corrections were requested. The corrections were received in the Teletype Unit from San Juan at 2:42 AM. The radiogram was then sent to the Code Room for decoding, and received back in the Teletype Unit at 4:29 AM. The original of the radiogram was then received in Mr. Boardman's office at 8:26 AM and a copy was received in Mr. Belmont's office at 4:39 AM.

Mr. Belmont stated he was on Mr. Boardman's desk and on reading the radiogram thought that you would want an interpretation of the radiogram and recommendations for a course of action at the time that you read the radiogram. He therefore thought that in the interest of time it would be better to dictate a memo to send in with the original of the radiogram. He immediately called Section Chief Baumgardner and Supervisor Spencer to Mr. Boardman's office, at which time Mr. Belmont personally dictated the memo to you with the recommendation.

Mr. Belmont advised that he thought at the time that he was exercising the best judgment in the matter so that you would have the entire picture at one time.

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Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Parsons _____
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Mr. Tamm _____
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Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

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Mr. Belmont advised, however, that hereafter he will send the original immediately to you and will work from a copy, rather than holding the original as he did in this instance.

The original of the radiogram and Mr. Belmont's memo were received in this office at 10:44 AM.

A copy of this radiogram was received in Mr. Belmont's office at 4:39 AM and the Supervisor handling this case, SA Spencer, received the copy shortly before noon. I am now trying to determine where this radiogram was after 4:39 AM today.

I want to know. H.
I have told Mr. Belmont, and will tell Mr. Boardman when he is available, that the originals of teletypes, radiograms, etc. must be sent to this office immediately, without delay, and that any action that needs to be taken must be taken on the basis of a copy.

cc - Mr. Boardman

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1. This should be elementary
 2. Just what did the right supervisor do on this matter?
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October 27, 1954

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Belmont:

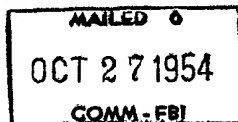
I have carefully reviewed your explanation regarding the delay which occurred before appropriate dissemination was made of information received from the San Juan Division on October 15, 1954, regarding possible violence by members of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico to be directed against members of a congressional committee scheduled to visit Puerto Rico and there does not appear to have been any justification for the delinquency in question. You must certainly realize the absolute necessity of making such data available to the appropriate officials with the utmost dispatch and in the instance I have mentioned above this was not done.

Accordingly, I wish to again bring to your attention my desire in such situations so that you will bear this in mind in the future and make certain that there is no repetition of such a delay.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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CC: Mr. Boardman (Personal Attention)

13 Addendum - Mr. Belmont is expected to return from New York to Washington on the evening of 10/26/54.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BOARDMAN

DATE: October 21,
1954

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO
INTERNAL SECURITY - N

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Reference is made to the attached memorandum dated October 18, 1954, relative to the dissemination of information concerning possible violence by the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico to be directed against members of a Congressional Committee scheduled to visit Puerto Rico at the end of October.

You will recall that I was handling Mr. Boardman's desk when this radiogram was received on the morning of October 15, 1954. The supervisor, Jack Spencer, had been advised by the Night Supervisor at 6:00 am on the morning of October 15, of the receipt of this radiogram and started immediate preparation to disseminate this information to the Departments of Interior and State, to Speaker Martin, to Secret Service, to the Intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces, and to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins in the Department of Justice.

When I read this radiogram on the morning of October 15, it appeared to me, in view of the fact that the alleged violence was to take place at the end of October, that the primary matter to be considered at once was whether we should not take direct action to forestall violence by causing the Department to redirect its policy, and instead of waiting for local authorities to act in Puerto Rico, to take immediate action by the Federal Government in removing the continuing NPPR threat by apprehending Nationalist leaders through the Bureau prior to the end of October. As you will recall, I dictated a memorandum suggesting the immediate consultation with the Department to this end and sent the memorandum through on the morning of October 15. To be sure of the logic of this move, I first called up Section Chief Baumgardner and Supervisor Spencer to discuss the matter, thus interfering with Spencer's dictation on the dissemination. As I stated previously, I honestly thought I was taking the proper course of action because I was scheduled to go to Puerto Rico the following Monday morning and it was

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BOARDMAN

imperative to get the Department moving if we agreed that the proposed course of action was desirable. This resulted in a delay in getting the original radiogram into the Director. This delay was the result of my judgment in the matter and I am directly responsible for the delay and should be censured for it.

Following the conference with me, Baumgardner and Spencer returned to the dictation of the letters for dissemination. In view of the extent of the dissemination, three original letters and a number of copies were required. Spencer completed the dictation prior to going to lunch. As a result of the hurricane, employees were dismissed at 1:30 pm. However, we held over stenographers to work on this dissemination and other specials. We made a sincere attempt to get these letters out on the afternoon of October 15, but they were not completed until 6:00 pm on October 15. At that time we were unable to get the letters out of the Bureau due to weather conditions and, therefore, sent them through as soon as possible the next morning. At the same time we sent through with them the letter to the Attorney General proposing that he carefully consider and reevaluate the Department's policy as to procedure to be followed in Puerto Rico. Under the conditions that were existent on October 15, neither Baumgardner nor Spencer are responsible for any delay in this matter. I am responsible for the handling of this matter; it was under my personal direction; and, therefore, I recommend that a letter of censure be directed to me.

T. J. BAUMGARDNER

J. C. SPENCER

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BOARDMAN *Ar*

DATE: October 28, 1954

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *Ar*

SUBJECT:

ANNUAL LEAVE REQUEST - ALAN H. BELMONT

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Late this summer I was advised that my mother is suffering from a heart condition. She resides in Inglewood, California, just outside of Los Angeles, and consequently it is not possible for me to see her frequently. Because of her advanced age, I feel it is very necessary that I visit her this fall.

An analysis of the work of the Division reflects that the best time for such a visit will be the week after next. Therefore, I would like to take annual leave for the week starting November 8, 1954. I plan to fly out to Los Angeles on Saturday, November 6, and return the following Saturday, November 13. The entire time will be spent with my mother and father at their home in Inglewood.

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Please advise if this is approved.

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of Belmont's office
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CC - Mr. Sizoo

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: 10/18/54

FROM : Mr. A. W. Belmont

SUBJECT: NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO
INTERNAL SECURITY - N
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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated 10/15/54 concerning the handling of the San Juan radiogram dated 10/15/54 setting forth information concerning possible violence to be directed against members of a Congressional committee scheduled to visit Puerto Rico at the end of October. The Director has noted that this information was not disseminated until 36 hours after it was received in Washington.

As is noted in my referenced memorandum dictation on the dissemination letters to Speaker of the House Joseph W. Martin, Jr., the Department of Justice, the United States Department of the Interior, the United States Department of State, the United States Secret Service, ONI, G-2 and OSI, was completed prior to 12:30 p.m., 10/15/54. The transcription of these letters was completed on Friday evening 10/15/54, however, not in time to go out of the Bureau. Transcript of these letters was delayed due to necessary changes and corrections. The letters which were dated 10/15/54, were immediately handled following my arrival on Saturday, 10/16/54, and were received in your office at 12:39 p.m. and the Director's office at 1:06 p.m. on the same date.

No oral dissemination of the information alleging violence contained in the incoming San Juan radiogram was made as the violence was alleged to be planned for the arrival of the Congressional committee in Puerto Rico at the end of October 1954. In this instance it was considered more desirable to furnish the information in writing in order that there might be no misunderstanding concerning the alleged violence involved or as to the time it was supposed to occur.

Our judgment not to afford this matter more expeditious handling is deeply regretted. In the future we will endeavor to handle all matters of this type in accordance with the desires of the Director.

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The delay was
unexcusable

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BOARDMAN

(Mr. Keay, who handled this memorandum in Mr. Belmont's absence, advises that instant information was handled by Mr. Belmont, Section Chief Baumgardner and Supervisor Jack Spencer and therefore they were responsible for the method of handling. He points out that Mr. Belmont and Mr. Baumgardner are unavailable and, therefore, their explanations could not be secured. Mr. Keay states that all three of these individuals are aware of the Director's desires with reference to information of this type, that is, with regard to prompt dissemination and they are being informed of the Director's displeasure over the handling of this matter. Mr. Keay recommends no further administrative action.)

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*we will have to
wait for explanations
from Belmont and
Baumgardner
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*2 alright but I am becoming
more & more exasperated
at the slow motion
procedures in the
Intelligence Div.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE:
October 21, 1954

FROM : L. V. Boardman

A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO,
Internal Security - N

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Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Sizoo	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

The purpose of this memorandum is to indicate responsibility for the failure, on the part of Messrs. Baumgardner, Belmont and Boardman, to immediately disseminate information concerning possible violence by the NPPR, to be directed against members of a Congressional Committee scheduled to visit Puerto Rico at the end of October, and to recommend that letters of censure be directed to each of the afore-indicated Bureau officials.

On 3/11/54 I dictated a memorandum to all Bureau officials and supervisors, emphasizing the necessity for immediate dissemination of information received at Bureau headquarters reflecting possible violence against Government officials. It is obvious that I failed to sufficiently impress Messrs. Belmont and Baumgardner with the necessity of taking affirmative immediate action, since in the instance in question letters of dissemination did not leave the Bureau until some 33 hours after the warning information was received.

Belmont, in his attached memorandum dated 10/21/54, assumes responsibility for the delay, pointing out that he was on my desk, during my absence, when instant radiogram was received on the morning of 10/15/54; that he delayed dissemination to appropriate Government officials through the medium of conferring with Mr. Baumgardner and Supervisor Spencer, who had commenced to prepare the necessary letters of dissemination. Belmont engaged these employees in a policy discussion concerning the desirability of preparing a memorandum to the Department, pointing out the possibility of the Department's immediately proceeding with prosecution against members of the NPPR in Puerto Rico. Belmont indicates this conference contributed to the dissemination delay, for which he assumes full responsibility and recommends he be censured. He pointed out that hurricane Hazel resulted in dismissal of Bureau employees, but nevertheless stenographers were held over for the express purpose of typing the dissemination letters involved in instant matter and other specials being handled in his division.

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Attachments

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Baumgardner, in the attached memorandum dated 10/21/54, mentions conferring with Belmont, mentions hurricane Hazel, but nevertheless assumes responsibility for not having insured that the dissemination was made more expeditiously.

∴ The dissemination of this information, orally and in writing, could and should have been made more expeditiously than it was.

X I am not recommending censure as to Supervisor J. C. Spencer, since he was under the instructions of his official superiors.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. I recommend that Section Chief F. J. X Baumgardner be censured for failure to insist on the arrangements necessary to insure immediate dissemination of the information in question.

2. I recommend that Assistant Director X Belmont be censured, in that, despite the fact that he held a conference, he could and should have insured that immediate dissemination be made of the information in question. His policy conference was a separate matter and should not have interfered with the dissemination.

3. I recommend that I be censured because of the breakdown in the administrative operations of this office. My instructions, previously given, were not heeded, and I feel that it is my responsibility to insure that, whether I am present or absent, essential operations be properly carried on by subordinates.

Jasper
JCM
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Jasper
JCM
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I recommend
letters of censure
to Baumgardner
and Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

November 5, 1954

FROM : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *LVB*

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
 NET CAPABILITIES EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

As you know, Mr. Belmont represented the IIC at the National Security Council (NSC) meeting held on November 4, 1954, and presented the IIC comments concerning the report which had been submitted to the NSC by the subcommittee considering the capability of the USSR to inflict injury upon the United States.

Special Agent Edward S. Sanders was contacted at the NSC Planning Board meeting on the same date by James S. Lay, Jr., the Executive Secretary of the NSC at which time Lay advised that in his opinion Mr. Belmont had done an outstanding job in presenting the IIC views and that he, Lay, had heard many complimentary remarks upon Mr. Belmont's presentation. Lay advised that in his opinion Belmont had made the points which the IIC had in mind and that those present at the NSC meeting could readily see the IIC position and understand it.

Immediately after the NSC meeting, Pat Coyne advised Sanders that Belmont had done an excellent job in the presentation and that the internal security committees' position had been well presented and solidified by Mr. Belmont.

RECOMMENDATION:

I thought you would be interested in the remarks made in this connection by Lay and Coyne.

ADDENDUM: (11/5/54)

I think Belmont should be commended for the excellent presentation he apparently made before the NSC. I also have personal knowledge of the fact that Inspector C. E. Hennrich and Supervisor Lish/Whitson very aggressively and capably handled the IIC representation in the subcommittee discussions and should also be commended.

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Yes. He did an outstanding job. Also Hennrich & Whitson should be commended.

IIC = Inter Departmental Intelligence Conference

November 10, 1954

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Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

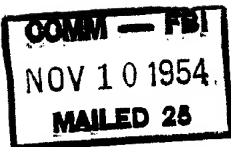
Dear Belmont:

I am taking this means of commending you for your very admirable representation of the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference at the recent meeting of the National Security Council.

Through your excellent presentation of the views of the Conference those present at the meeting were enabled to clearly understand the position of the Conference. It is indeed gratifying to note you handled this matter in your usual fine style.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Salutation per Reading Room.

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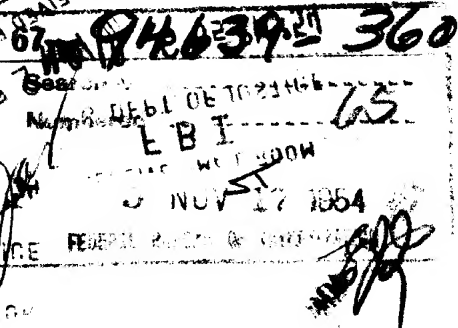
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November 22, 1954

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Mr. Alon H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

ON 9-26-91

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Dear Belmont:

It is most gratifying to note that the recent regional conferences conducted in several field offices were so enthusiastically received by those in attendance.

I did not want the opportunity to pass without expressing to you my sincere appreciation and commendation for your over-all supervision and direction of these conferences, which were so competently organized and presented.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Salutation per Reading room.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

As you probably know, under the guidance of Assistant Director Alan H. Belmont the Bureau held a two-day school in the New York Office on the development of security informants, which was attended by a number of New York Agents as well as Agents from surrounding Divisions. The New York Agents who attended advised me that they were most impressed by the organization of the material, the manner in which it was presented, and they fully appreciated the opportunity of presenting their suggestions and views in connection with the development and handling of security informants. All enthusiastically agreed that they profited immeasurably as a result of these discussions and received many helpful suggestions and ideas during the two-day period. Supervisors Baumgardner, Sullivan and Donahue, as well as Assistant Director Belmont, did a very thorough job and were extremely well received by the personnel in attendance.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES J. KELLY
SAC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE November 19, 1954

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SUBJECT: TRAINING OF BUREAU PERSONNEL IN
THE DEVELOPMENT OF SECURITY INFORMANTS

There is attached herewith a letter from SAC Auerbach of the Seattle Office dated November 15, 1954, commenting very favorably on the two-day regional conference recently held in San Francisco, California, as part of a series of five such conferences conducted by representatives from the Bureau which were held throughout the United States relating to the development of security informants. In the letter from SAC Auerbach, the recommendation was made by him that the Bureau should extend the idea of regional conferences of personnel engaged in the same type of investigative project to many other lines of our investigative work. The Director noted in this regard "Give very serious thought to this."

There are also attached herewith letters from the Chicago, San Francisco, New Orleans, Minneapolis, Denver, and Washington Field Offices unanimously endorsing the effectiveness of the recent security informant training sessions. These letters were in accord in stating that the instructions received at these regional conferences were presented in a most interesting and capable manner and were most effective as a training technique.

These letters point out that the success of these regional conferences were based on the following factors:

(1) The Bureau representatives were well prepared, completely conversant with the subject matters and Bureau policies involved and established an atmosphere which generated full and enthusiastic discussions on the part of all participating.

Attachments (2) sent 11-23-54

cc - Investigative Division

Training and Inspection Division

Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

Mr. Baumgardner

Mr. Rly

Mr. Donahue

Mr. Doyle

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(2) By holding regional sessions, those offices with related security problems and subjects were brought together, thus making it much easier to have an exchange of ideas in forum discussions on matters of mutual interest.

(3) The holding of these regional conferences in field offices in an atmosphere familiar to the Agents attending created a definite psychological advantage wherein it was possible to more fully discuss and resolve problems.

(4) It was also pointed out that the holding of these sessions on informant problems in the field under the direction of the responsible substantive representatives from the Seat of Government was a sound approach towards streamlining and strengthening the Bureau's investigative operations and policies.

My memorandum to you dated November 16, 1954, outlined in considerable detail information concerning these recently concluded two-day regional sessions. The suggestions set forth in that memorandum are being considered by the Executives Conference.

The consensus in the attached letters from the field was that additional regional security informant training sessions be held. This suggestion has considerable merit and it is felt that the desirability of follow-up regional training sessions should be considered some time after June 1, 1955.

With respect to additional training sessions in the security field, the Domestic Intelligence Division is giving serious study to this question. We feel it is essential that any subject matter suggested be adaptable to this form of training, bearing in mind that this division is currently contemplating a series of six special security schools to be held in lieu of In-Service during this coming year. We will make further recommendations if we find that regional training sessions are desirable and feasible.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) As indicated above, the Domestic Intelligence Division feels that regional conferences held throughout the United States in connection with security work are of considerable value and will result in an improvement in the standard of performance in regard to all phases of security work. The Domestic Intelligence Division will consider the holding of regional conferences on specific phases of security work as the need dictates. In view of SAC Auerbach's suggestion, it is recommended that this memorandum be routed to the Investigative Division and the Training and Inspection Division for their observations relative to the holding of regional training sessions on other phases of Bureau operations.

*Michael - Consider the
at December Conference
on In-Security Training
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(2) As indicated above, the attached letters from the field reflect the consensus that follow-up regional training sessions be held in connection with the Security Informant Program. The Domestic Intelligence Division is in accord with this opinion and on June 1, 1955, the desirability of the holding of follow-up training sessions will be considered and if deemed desirable, an appropriate memorandum will be prepared recommending same.

(3) (by AHB) I consider that these five sessions were highly successful largely due to the careful organization and planning coupled with highly effective presentation by Messrs. Baumgardner, Donohue, Bly, and Sullivan. I recommend letters of commendation for them.

11/19/54 - Belmont was responsible for the basic planning and direction of these schools, and actually participated very effectively in two of them. I recommend a letter of commendation for him.

LVB

*Appropriate
Letters Attached.*

*11-22-54
J. O. Boyle*

November 30, 1954

PERSONAL

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Belmont:

I wanted to take this occasion
to congratulate you and thank you for your eighteen
years of splendid and loyal service to the Bureau.
I feel that you have contributed in no small measure
to the success which the Bureau has achieved and
I just wanted you to know how very much I appreciate
your efforts. My sincere thanks for a job well done.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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December 13, 1954

Mr. A. H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Belmont:

I wish to take this opportunity to express to you my personal appreciation for your contributions to the conference on In-Service Training which was held on December 2, 3, and 4. I fully realize that the members of the conference put in long hours and it was gratifying to me to know of the enthusiastic manner in which they approached this most important project.

I have now had the opportunity of reviewing the results of the conference and have approved the conference's recommendations with minor modifications. I think that it is most important that we keep in very close contact with the new cycle of In-Service Training and the success of the new program will depend largely upon the manner in which it is executed. Your own Division will have a most important assignment in the new cycle of training schools and I am sure if you can impart to your associates your own personal enthusiasm, this will certainly materially assist in getting the new training program off to a good start.

I want you to keep in close personal touch with this new In-Service program as I will expect the committee to reconvene in due time to evaluate the results. I did want, however, to tell you that I deeply appreciate your own contributions to the conference.

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Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : L. V. BOARDMAN

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS

DATE: December 7, 1954

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1 H. H. Belmont

Relative to memorandum dated November 17, 1954, attached, concerning the inadequate search of the automobile by the Denver Office in connection with the Smith Act apprehensions in August, 1954, it is recommended that Boardman and Belmont be censured for their failure to properly analyze this situation and issue the appropriate instructions. By memorandum dated December 7, 1954, the Executives' Conference recommended a letter be sent to the Denver Office and an appropriate letter was attached.

Attachment

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CC - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Keay
Mr. Reddy

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Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

1565 SDP/KSR
9-26-91

Dear Mr. Belmont:

I have thoroughly reviewed the facts relative to the handling in the Domestic Intelligence Division of a request made by the Legal Attache, Mexico City, in a letter dated July 12, 1954, for an additional agent for the Mexico City Office. I have observed that this matter was not handled through to completion until September 10, 1954, when a memorandum was submitted recommending Special Agent [redacted] of the New York Division for this assignment. This delay was due to a large degree to the failure of personnel under your supervision to recognize the need for certain administrative functions, such as the review of personnel files for the selection of a suitable agent, at the time the request was first received instead of waiting until approval had been received from the Department of State for the assignment of an additional agent to perform these duties.

I am distressed not only over the lengthy delay which occurred in this situation but also at the apparent complacency you have exhibited in accepting the fact that such delays are normal. Accordingly, I must insist that you insure in the future that personnel of the Domestic Intelligence Division more efficiently and more promptly carry out their assignments.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: PERSONNEL NEEDS FOR MEXICO CITY OFFICE

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Reference is made to the letter from the Legal Attache, Mexico, dated December 3, 1954 (received 12-10-54) relative to the need in his office for another Agent. That letter has the Director's notation "1. Give prompt attention. 2. Here again we have delayed too long in resolving a pressing operational matter. It is now Dec. 10 nearly 5 mos after original request was made. Why did it take until July 22 to answer letter of July 12? Also why so long now. H."

As you are aware, due to the highly specialized nature of the assignments for Agents abroad, recommendations concerning the need for and the selection of the Agents are made by the Domestic Intelligence Division in connection with the close supervision of our foreign offices which is maintained by the Foreign Liaison Unit. Those recommendations are, of course, cleared through the Administrative Division. With regard to the Director's inquiry concerning the lapse of time between Legal Attache [redacted] letter of 7-12-54 for an additional Agent and his present letter, it is respectfully pointed out that the assignment of Special Agent [redacted] was made on the basis of that request of July 12, 1954. The present letter is a request for another Agent.

With regard to the Director's inquiry concerning the apparent delay from 7-12-54 to 7-22-54 in handling the 7-12-54 letter from Mexico, it is respectfully pointed out that that letter was not received until Friday, July 16, 1954. After it was placed on record on that date, in order to justify the assignment of an additional Agent to the Mexico City Office, it was necessary to analyze the work load and situation in the office, which necessitated the review of numerous files of various types. That was done and a reply was made to the incoming communication on July 22, 1954, which was within five work days. The action taken at that time recommended that an additional Agent be approved for Mexico and the Legal Attache was instructed to obtain clearance for that assignment from the Ambassador so that the matter could be taken up with the State Department. By airgram dated 7-29-54,

JJM:sjb
(5) 55 JAN 14 1955

1 - Mr. Boardman 1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Administrative Division 1 - Section Tickler

Letter of reassignment to Boardman
Belmont & Boardman
done 12/16/54

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Memo to Mr. Boardman RE: PERSONNEL NEEDS FOR MEXICO CITY OFFICE
from Mr. Belmont b6

[] advised the Ambassador had approved the assignment and the matter was then taken up with the Department of State. The Department of State considered the matter and communicated with the Ambassador in Mexico City. By memorandum of August 16, 1954, it was advised that the Department of State had approved the assignment.

This should have been done when request was first received.
It was then necessary to review innumerable personnel files in an effort to locate an Agent having the requisite espionage training as well as a facility in the Spanish language. Both were considered most necessary in order that the proposed expansion of our espionage coverage in Mexico could be handled adequately. My memorandum of September 10, 1954, which was approved by the Director, recommended Special Agent [] of New York for the assignment. b6

This took entirely too long.
By letter of September 12, 1954 (received 9-29-54) [] advised that his original letter of July 12, 1954, was not written with the expanded [Soviet coverage] in mind and (S) therefore, he felt that two Agents should be selected for Mexico. b6 By airmail reply of September 30, 1954, it was pointed out to [] that [] had been selected on the basis of his request for an additional Agent and that since [] would be assigned the [Soviet Diplomatic Activities] case and 19 other related cases (S) previously listed by [] relative to the [Soviet Activities] (S) case as well as possibly other cases having espionage aspects, it would appear that his assignment would thereby lighten the work of the other Agents. [] was, therefore, instructed to re-evaluate the work load in his office and if he still felt that another Agent was needed to resubmit his request with justification being specific as to the needs of his office.

after many weeks of delay.
[] current letter of 12-3-54 is the first reply we have had to that airmail and sets forth the results of his study concerning the further needs of his office.

From the above, it will be noted that in response to the 7-12-54 request from the Legal Attache, Mexico, a Special Agent was assigned to that office. The Legal Attache's current request is based upon instructions to him to re-evaluate the work load situation in his office to determine if he can justifiably support an additional Agent. In connection with the Director's instructions that this latter request be given prompt attention, it is pointed out that Mr. Roach's memorandum to me of 12-10-54

Memo to Mr. Boardman RE: PERSONNEL NEEDS FOR MEXICO CITY OFFICE
from Mr. Belmont

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recommended that [] request be approved and that an
airgram be sent to Mexico instructing the Legal Attache to
discuss this matter with the Ambassador so that we can there-
after clear the matter with the Department of State.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

Boardman - Has
the agent been
selected? *✓*

*yes see memo
12-14-54*

R

gmm

I recommend all
assignments of personnel
to foreign posts be
taken from Dom. Intel.
Div. and assigned
to Adm. Div.

I recommend letters
of censure to Boardman
and Belmont for
failure to properly
supervise this matter

^{12/1/54}
I concur. I am shocked at the lengthy
delay but astounded at a part of
complicity of Boardman & Belmont
that such delays are normal. While
I am approving transfer of project to Mr.

*Division is
so with quality as his
about as slow moving & play as I appear
Boardman & Belmont have been. H.*

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TO :

MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *LVB*

DATE: Dec. 15, 1954

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FROM :

MR. J. A. H. BELMONT *JB*

SUBJECT:

Domestic Intelligence Div.
NATIONAL RENAISSANCE PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

F. J. B. Am. ...

The Director asked to be advised concerning the news release made by the House Committee on Un-American Activities concerning the Neo-Fascists. The information appeared in the last edition of the Washington Star newspaper dated December 14, 1954.

The Supervisor handling this case had planned to obtain, if possible, on December 15 a copy of the House Committee's report in order that it could be properly analyzed. He had already called the files and abstracts on the Neo-Fascist group prior to the time the Director's inquiry was received. A more detailed memorandum will be submitted regarding this situation. However, there is set out briefly information regarding the National Renaissance Party and "Common Sense."

Printed copy not available until 12-17. News stories result from leak. LBN

The National Renaissance Party was formerly known as the Anist Party and information concerning this organization was originally furnished to the Department on May 21, 1947. This case is still pending and we have, on a continuing basis, furnished reports to the Department, the intelligence agencies of the armed services, the State Department, and the liaison representative in Heidelberg, Germany. On September 15, 1953, we referred this matter to the Department for its consideration under Executive Order 10450.

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With respect to [redacted] it is to be noted that it is a publication edited by [redacted] of Union, New Jersey. This is a one-man operation and is violently anti-Semitic and anti-Negro. There is a current investigation regarding this matter.

Our thinking was to furnish the Director today with complete details regarding this entire situation together with our recommendations. This will be done; however, we now realize a short memorandum should have been sent up the first thing this morning for the Director's information. It is regretted that this was not done and every effort will be made to see that the Director is promptly advised of matters of this kind in the future.

NJB:mn

(4) cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Tamm

SENT DIRECTOR

12-16-54

55 DEC 30 1954

ADDENDUM: December 16, 1954

I certainly agree that my lack of awareness of the news release made by the HCUA at the time of Mr. Holloman's call to me is inexcusable. I normally try to follow the newspapers and the news casts for matters of Bureau interest. It goes without saying that I wasn't aware of this one. That I was terribly busy that particular evening with a heavy volume of mail and didn't read the evening paper is no justification since it is quite apparent that I must be continuously alert to the above situations.

Belmont, at the time I called him, was not aware that a supervisor in Baumgardner's section had called for the files on the two organizations in question. He should be cognizant of what is going on in his Division and should have been able to advise me.

To avoid recurrences, however, I have talked with Messrs. Rosen and Belmont concerning the necessity of continuously being alert in matters appearing in the press and promptly instituting any action necessary. I also have talked with the two night supervisors, Coneys in Rosen's Division and Martin in Belmont's Division, and again reminded them of the necessity for being alert for items of interest coming in on the Washington City News Service ticker tape, and insuring that appropriate officials are made immediately cognizant of items of interest in order that appropriate action can be taken.

ACTION:

For our derelictions in the handling of this matter, I recommend that Belmont and myself be censured.

L.V. Boardman

no but do try to
be more alert

K.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : L. V. Boardman

SUBJECT: PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

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January 3, 1955

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I am scheduled for physical examination at Bethesda on Friday, January 7, 1955. If you approve I will plan to have Belmont on my desk during the time I am absent.

A. H. Belmont

"Ok." HOOVER.

LVB:CSH

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: January 3, 1955

FROM : L. V. BOARDMAN

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SUBJECT:
INTERNAL SECURITY - CH
SEDITION
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to the memorandum captioned as above dated December 27, 1954, from Mr. A. H. Belmont to Mr. L. V. Boardman which advised that a transcript of the 12-13-54 hearings of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee at San Francisco, California, had been furnished to the Bureau and had been reviewed, to which you inquired, "When did we receive this?"

On December 15, 1954, Senator Herman Welker, who conducted the December 13, 1954, hearings of the Subcommittee advised Mr. L. B. Nichols he was sending the Bureau a copy of the transcript of the hearings. Mr. Nichols' memorandum dated December 20, 1954, advised that the transcript had been received. This memorandum together with the transcript was received in the Espionage Section on December 21, 1954, and the transcript consisting of 200 pages of testimony was thereafter received and a memorandum was prepared under date of December 27, 1954

ACTION:

None. This is for your information.

- 1 Mr. Boardman
- 1 Mr. Belmont
- 1 Mr. Branigan
- 1 Mr. Broden

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ADDENDUM: (1-5-55) - When this memorandum came to me 1-3-55, the explanation prepared in Belmont's Division contained the statement that Mr. Nichols' memorandum of 12-20-54, with transcript attached, was received in the Espionage Section on 12-22-54. I requested explanation from Belmont as to why it	

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ADDENDUM (CONTINUED):

took from 12-20 to 12-22-54 to get this memorandum and transcript to the Espionage Section. Attached is a memorandum of explanation showing that the memorandum in question was received in my office at 9:15 a. m., 12-21-54, in Belmont's office 11:46 a.m., 12-21, Liaison Section 1:29 p.m., 12-21, and was time stamped in the Espionage Section at 8:44 a.m., 12-22-54. I find, however, that the memorandum was received in the Espionage Section, from the Liaison Section, on 12-21-54, but was not time stamped in Mr. Branigan's office. Branigan has explained this failure in an addendum to the attached memorandum.

I have discussed this matter with Belmont and have emphasized the necessity for moving mail promptly. I have similarly discussed this situation with Mr. Scatterday in my office.

The Espionage Section reviewed the 200-page transcript of testimony on 12-22 and 23/54, and then prepared a memorandum on Monday, 12-27-54. (You will recall 12-24 was a holiday.) I feel that the memorandum from Mr. Nichols should have moved through to the Espionage Section more quickly, and have vigorously brought this to the attention of the people concerned. It would appear that after it was received in the Espionage Section, it was given prompt attention.

L.V. BOARDMAN

*I agree. we drag too long
On too many things. H.*

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: 1-4-55

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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SUBJECT:
INTERNAL SECURITY - CH

Reference is made to your inquiry as to why it took so long for a transcript of testimony of before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on December 13, 1954, to reach the Espionage Section from the Liaison Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division. You also inquired as to why it was in the Liaison Section at all.

By memorandum dated December 20, 1954, to Mr. Belmont, Mr. Nichols advised that the transcript of the above-mentioned hearings had been received at the Bureau and suggested that a short summary of the information contained in the transcript be prepared for the Director's information. The time stamps on the back of this memorandum show that it was received in your office at 9:15 a. m., 12-21-54, Mr. Belmont's office at 11:46 a. m., 12-21-54, Liaison Section at 1:29 p. m., 12-21-54 and received in Espionage Section at 8:44 a. m., 12-22-54. When this memorandum and the attached transcript was received in the Liaison Section at 1:29 p. m., on 12-21-54, it was briefly scanned by the Supervisor of the Congressional Desk, logged in and thereafter personally delivered by the Congressional Desk Supervisor's Clerk to the Secretary in Mr. Branigan's office within an hour from the time it was received in the Liaison Section.

The memo from Mr. Nichols and the transcript was not time-stamped in the Espionage Section when it was personally received from the Liaison Section. The memo and transcript were reviewed by Mr. Branigan and placed in the outgoing box sometime after the close of business on December 21, 1954. The memo and transcript were directed to the appropriate Supervisor in the Espionage Section for proper action. In routing the memo and transcript, they were sent through the Espionage Section mail room where the memo was first stamped in on December 22, 1954 at 8:44 a. m.

It is noted that the Congressional Desk in the Liaison Section is set up to receive all testimony from the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and to act as a central point in the Bureau for such testimony. All testimony received is logged in and a record kept by this desk as to who is handling each piece of testimony. The bulk of Congressional testimony is reviewed by this desk. However, on occasion testimony involving current cases is furnished to the appropriate substantive desk for handling as was done in this case.

ACTION: cc; Mr. Boardman
Belmont
Roach
cc: Branigan
For Your information (See Page 2.)

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ADDENDUM: (WAB:hmm 1-5-55) It was the responsibility of my secretary to have seen to it that the memo and transcript were timestamped when received. We have discussed this matter and I have cautioned all personnel concerning the necessity for promptly timestamping mail received in this Section. I am certain that there will be no failures in this regard in the future.

January 26, 1955

Brigadier General S. F. Giffin, USAF
Acting Commandant
Air War College
Maxwell Air Force Base
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear General:

Thank you for your letter of January 21, 1955, concerning the talk of Mr. A. H. Belmont before the Air War College on January 19th.

It is indeed a pleasure to know that Mr. Belmont's remarks were so well received, and you may be sure that he is as grateful for your thoughtfulness in writing as I am.

Please feel free to call upon us if we can be of assistance in any manner.

Sincerely yours,

cc - Mr. Belmont, with copy of incoming.

cc - Personnel file of A. H. Belmont, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: Mr. Belmont appeared before the Air War College on January 19, 1955.

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AIR WAR COLLEGE
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21 January 1955

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for having made Mr. A. H. Belmont available to speak to the Air War College on 19 January 1955. Your cooperation on this, as well as the many past occasions, is deeply appreciated.

An understanding and appreciation of the relationship of the FBI to the problem of defense of the United States is essential to the development of our future military commanders. Mr. Belmont's lecture of last Wednesday has added materially to this understanding, and we are most grateful that he could be with us.

Thank you again for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/ S. F. Giffin
S. F. GIFFIN
Brigadier General, USAF
Acting Commandant

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: January 13, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF IIC MEETING,
JANUARY 5, 1955

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On January 11, 1955, the Director inquired, "Why has it taken a week to prepare these (letters transmitting the IIC minutes)? H."

The IIC meeting was held on the afternoon of January 5, 1955. As a result of the meeting, it was necessary for the Secretary to prepare four IIC letters for approval and transmittal. These letters were given precedence over the minutes. The dictation of the minutes was completed at approximately 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 6, 1955. The transcription of the minutes was completed by late Friday, January 7, 1955. The minutes were proofread, slight corrections made, submitted to the Mechanical Section and reproduced by noon, Monday, January 10, 1955. The clerical work involved in the assembling of the minutes and the preparation of the cover memorandum and letter of transmittal were completed on Monday afternoon, January 10, 1955, and the minutes were forwarded to your office on that date. It was necessary to make two minor corrections in the minutes on Tuesday, January 11, 1955, which were promptly handled. The completed minutes, with attachments, totaled 40 pages.

The completion of the minutes could have been expedited by assigning additional stenographic help for this purpose. This was not done, however, as other special matters were being handled at the same time. The importance of having the minutes of these meetings in the hands of the Director and other IIC members at the earliest possible date is recognized, and in the future these minutes will be prepared in sufficient time to reach the Director's office by Friday following the IIC meeting on Wednesday. If, due to unusual circumstances, this

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- 1-Mr. Boardman
- 1-Mr. Belmont
- 1-Mr. Sanders
- 1-Section Ticker

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deadline cannot be met, a memorandum will be submitted indicating the reasons for delay and the time the minutes will be available.

RECOMMENDATION:

The foregoing information is furnished in response to the Director's inquiry.

W.B.S.

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ADDENDUM (1/13/55):

Sanders points out it was necessary to prepare four IIC letters for approval and transmittal, said letters being given precedence over the minutes. Since the changes to be made in the letters in question were agreed upon at the Conference, the preparation of the four letters in question should have taken very little time. Mr. Belmont, in his memorandum points out that the minutes could have been expedited, and that the importance of having the minutes of the meetings in the hands of the Director and other IIC members at the earliest possible date is recognized. He, however, makes no recommendation as

to any action to be taken with regard to Sanders, despite the stated recognition.

It took entirely too long to get these minutes prepared and I, therefore, recommend a letter of censure to Sanders. I also recommend a letter of censure to Mr. Belmont for his apparent palliation of this situation.

L.V. BOARDMAN

Agree
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1/13/55

AB

I agree
1/14

got 1/14

*I agree with Boardman's
suggestion relative to action
in handling R. A. [unclear]
again then administrative
action will be taken.*

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: January 4, 1955

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FROM : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

JUNE

SUBJECT: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT AND
SIMILAR TYPES OF COVERAGE

In the attached memorandum dated December 30, 1954, the statement was made that the decrease in security informants from 1091 to 1074 may be partially attributed to a decrease in Communist activity in various parts of the country. You commented "Maybe we don't need all the money we have sought for such investigations."

This decrease in Communist activity refers to the gradual decline in open Party activity in the last few years and the shift of certain Party activities to the Communist Party underground. It is to be noted that the estimated membership of the Communist Party was dropped from 69,000 in February, 1948, to 23,103 in September, 1954. This gradual decline has been accompanied by a reduction in activity in certain Communist Party clubs that were formerly active in the open Communist Party and has caused the loss of certain informants who were formerly productive but who are no longer in a position to furnish information of value concerning Communist activities.

Even though there has been a decline in open Communist Party activities and a decrease in the over-all estimated Communist Party membership, there has been a great increase in Communist Party underground activity which has increased and made more difficult our work in covering the Communist Party underground in the United States. Persons who remain in the Communist Party today can be considered hard core, fanatical Communists. The activities of these persons are more difficult to cover due to stringent security measures placed in effect by the Communist Party as a result of the first Smith Act trial in New York in 1949, the continuing prosecution of Communist leaders in subsequent Smith Act trials and the hearings before the Subversive Activities Control Board. As noted above, moreover, there has been widespread shift of Communist activity from the open Party to the underground and due to its method of operation, this phase of Communist activity has been much more difficult to penetrate than was open Party activity. We have made progress in penetrating into the Communist underground operation principally through the development of anonymous sources. In order to develop anonymous sources, however, we have had to expend much manpower on background investigations and physical surveillances. These sources have produced a tremendous amount of information which has also increased our work in the Communist field.

ENCLOSURE

Attachment

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U-ONEC:cc

Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

Mr. Baumgardner

Mr. McInturff

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you didn't say
open in your memo
of Dec 30. I am no
mind reader. N.

We have also recognized the necessity of penetrating the Communist underground with live informants and in October and November, 1954, a series of five training sessions were held in key points throughout the country in order to train additional Agent personnel in the development of security informants. The keynote of these schools was the development of informants within the Communist Party underground, which has proven to be a most difficult task. It is expected that in the near future there will be a resultant increase in the number of security informants covering underground activities.

ACTION:

We will continue to follow closely and carefully the development of additional security informants in both the open and underground phases of the Communist Party and related subversive organizations. It is regretted that the statement contained in my memorandum of December 30, 1954, did not clearly indicate that we were referring to the open Communist Party when we spoke of a decrease in Communist activity. This statement should have been more explicit and great care will be taken in the future to insure that statements set forth in memoranda are clear and concise.

SEE ADDENDUM

ADDENDUM: January 4, 1955

The statement, "decrease in Communist activity in various parts of the country," is inaccurate as well as misleading. The author of this communication, [redacted], dated December 30, 1954, must learn to prepare memoranda which clearly reflect the actual factual situation. Further, J. A. Sullivan, F. J. Baumgardner, W. V. Cleveland, V. P. Keay, A. H. Belmont, W. W. Klemp, and myself, who initialled for approval, have a background of knowledge of Communist activities which should enable them to realize that the statement was inaccurate and by placing their initials on this document are guilty of carelessness.

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I, therefore, recommend a letter of censure to Special Agent [redacted] for inaccurate reporting in the memorandum which he prepared. I also recommend letters of censure for J. A. Sullivan, F. J. Baumgardner, W. V. Cleveland, V. P. Keay, W. W. Klemp, A. H. Belmont, and myself for having approved this memorandum which contained a statement which obviously was incorrect.

Since J. E. Edwards and Frank Holloman are not charged with the intimate knowledge of the content of this communication and would not necessarily have reason to disbelieve the inaccurate statement, I do not recommend administrative action as to them.

I will again emphasize to Belmont and Rosen the necessity for accuracy and conciseness in memoranda, and every effort will be made to minimize these inaccuracies.

L. V. Boardman

LB

*I recommend letter
of censure for SA [redacted]
only - jat.*

b6

I agree

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*No. There is no [redacted] the
making [redacted] the
goal. If we can't get our executives
to read the finished product we
can't expect subordinates to do so. H.*

February 17, 1955

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

1565 SDP/LSK
9-26-91

Dear Mr. Belmont:

I have thoroughly reviewed the facts relative to the recent mishandling by the Domestic Intelligence Division of certain highly confidential information pertaining to our national security. I have noted that an informant had furnished this information in January, 1955, and after it had been received in the Espionage Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division prompt action was not taken to disseminate it to the appropriate interested Government agencies. I am not unaware that there was a question as to the reliability of the informant in this instance; however, I am deeply concerned over the failure of you and your subordinates to see that this vital information was expeditiously disseminated with a suitable qualification of the reliability of the informant.

I cannot emphasize too strongly the necessity for the prompt and efficient dissemination of information of this nature and I must insist that in the future the Domestic Intelligence Division handle such matters more efficiently so that the Bureau can properly discharge its responsibilities in this regard.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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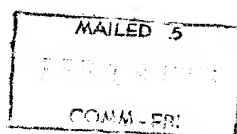
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FROM

A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT:

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[redacted] Mocase informant, returned to the United States [redacted]. He was interrogated during the period January 2 to January 8, 1955, inclusive, concerning his trip to [redacted]. During that time he furnished detailed information about his trip including data relating to developments [redacted] attitude toward international matters. Also during this time he furnished an erroneous report concerning a contact with [redacted] in [redacted] was in the United States on that date. He was intensively interrogated concerning this erroneous report but maintained that [redacted] on that date. In view of this, the Field was instructed to reinterrogate [redacted] in detail concerning all other information he furnished relating to his trip in order that we could better evaluate him. Information relating to [redacted] and international matters was not disseminated because it was felt imperative that we take every possible step to determine [redacted] veracity and in order that we would not later have to retract material in the event we proved [redacted] unreliable.

[redacted] during the period [redacted] 38609-511
January 10 to January 24, 1955. The typed [redacted] were forwarded to Los Angeles for verification and furnished to the Bureau on February 3, 1955. This case was then thoroughly evaluated and the material furnished by [redacted] reviewed. It was noted that he had furnished essentially the [redacted] or that he furnished in the [redacted] discrepancies were noted. He did elaborate briefly on some of the information previously given. Inasmuch as material furnished by [redacted] in the past has been cross-checked on numerous instances and this report about meeting [redacted] was the only erroneous information known to have been given by him, it was decided that we should continue to use him as [redacted] him thoroughly at every possible point. This action was recommended in my memorandum to you dated February 9, 1955.

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cc - 1 - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Turner

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[REDACTED]

Included among the information furnished by [REDACTED]
were statements made to him in December, 1954, to the effect
that in the very near future there would be a shakeup among the
[REDACTED]

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Since recent developments have outdated some of this material, dissemination of the balance would not appear to be desirable inasmuch as it is not of such nature that action could be taken on it by other agencies, and, also it was secured during November and December by the informant. The material which does not relate to incidents which have already taken place is of little intelligence value standing alone. For example:

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1. [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION:

1. It is recommended that no dissemination of this material be made at this time.

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2. It is recommended that letters of censure be sent to SA [redacted], who supervises this case; SA W. A. Branigan, Chief of the Espionage Section; Inspector C. E. Hennrich, and to me for failure to disseminate this data prior to the resignation of Malenkov on February 8, 1955.

I also should be censured

Boardman

I agree

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This is a very important instance of the difference of attitude between me and the Boardman. I have seen

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February 23, 1955

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

1565 SDP/KSR
9-26-91

Dear Mr. Belmont:

I have carefully considered the result of the inquiry into the measures adopted by the Domestic Intelligence Division for making changes in Bureau investigative reports previously submitted containing information received from former confidential informant [redacted] and the way in which the situation was handled by you was totally unsatisfactory. It is apparent that you gave no consideration whatever to the fact that the existing procedure of submitting amended pages for these reports in the files of the Department of Justice would place the Bureau in a position of extreme embarrassment.

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As Assistant Director in charge of the Domestic Intelligence Division it was your responsibility to have given careful consideration to all pertinent factors and to have seen to it that appropriate instructions were issued to handle the changes in [redacted] information in an honest and straightforward fashion. Because of your failure to do this you are being placed in a probationary status and I shall certainly expect you to exhibit greater consideration for the Bureau's best interests in the future so that there will be no further situations similar to that to which I have referred above.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CC: Mr. Boardman (Personal Attention)

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Mrs. [redacted]

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See memo from Mr. Nichols to the
Director dated 2-19-55. 67-9056

February 25, 1955

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

1565 SDP/165R
9-26-91

Dear Mr. Belmont:

I have reviewed the circumstances relative to the undue delay which occurred in the Domestic Intelligence Division in connection with the handling of a letter from the San Francisco Division requesting that the Bureau [redacted] to a former informant. I have noted that this letter, which was submitted by the San Francisco Office under date of January 11, 1955, was received in the Internal Security Section on January 17, 1955, and was not handled to completion until approximately one month later.

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This matter should have been handled more promptly and the delay which occurred was a reflection upon your administration of the Domestic Intelligence Division. I shall expect you to see to it that matters of this nature are handled properly and expeditiously in the future so that there will be no further such instance of delay attributable to you and to personnel under your supervision.

Very truly yours,

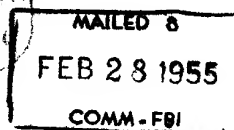
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: February 17, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
FORMER SAN FRANCISCO INFORMANT
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Domestic Intelligence Division

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This memorandum is submitted in response to Mr. Tolson's inquiry "Mr. Boardman why did it take almost one month to handle this letter?"

The San Francisco Office by letter dated January 11, 1955, requested the Bureau to [REDACTED]. This letter was received at the Bureau 2:05 p.m. on January 17, 1955, and was stamped received in the Internal Security Section 2:53 p.m. on January 17, 1955.

This matter was received by the Internal Security Supervisor on January 18, 1955, at which time [REDACTED] file was requested. This file was received by the Supervisor on January 19, 1955. Following a review of [REDACTED] file, a memorandum and letter were dictated and transcribed Friday, January 21, 1955. Both the memorandum and letter were dated Monday, January 24, 1955, and recommended that [REDACTED]

The recommendation that [REDACTED] was based on the Bureau's policy that [REDACTED] discontinued informants for [REDACTED] as is set forth in SAC Letter 54-45 G. [REDACTED] (Effective October 1, 1954)

It must be noted that the problems presented by the San Francisco Office in this matter dealt with the advisability [REDACTED] discontinued informant that would constitute an exception to SAC Letter 54-45 G. The informant in this instance [REDACTED] was an exceptional informant and his requests of the Bureau and the San Francisco Office have presented numerous unusual and complicated problems.

Inasmuch as there was a good indication that [REDACTED] would write an article at this time capitalizing on his past informant relationship with the Bureau, and in view of his past services to the Bureau, it was believed that the best interest of the Bureau could be served

cc - Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Keay
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Rose

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[redacted]
of [redacted]. (This necessitated the
changing of the initial memorandum that [redacted]
[redacted]).

To justify the recommendation that [redacted]
[redacted], it was necessary that considerable review and research be
conducted to [redacted]

In this regard, it was necessary to minutely review and
consider all aspects of the following decisions on such matters:

(1) The [redacted]
informant as compiled by former Special Agent J. A. Carlson
that was made the subject of a memorandum to Mr. Tolson
dated October 25, 1949.

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(2) The memorandum of Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman dated
July 26, 1954, captioned [redacted]
[redacted]."

(3) Bureau letter to Mr. William P. Rogers, Deputy Attorney
General from the Director dated July 29, 1954, [redacted]
[redacted] informants.

(4) Mr. Nichols' memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated August 2,
1954, [redacted] confidential
informants relating to the Department's opinion in such
matters. In this regard, it is to be noted that Mr.
William P. Rogers, Deputy Attorney General advised that
the Bureau's action [redacted]

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[redacted] of confidential
informants [redacted] was not only proper but
was thoroughly justified and had the Department's approval.

In view of the numerous complications encountered in this matter,
it was necessary that several conflicting opinions and ideas relating
to the solution of this matter be resolved by Mr. Boardman's Office and
Mr. Belmont's Office.

Before a final conclusion could be reached in this matter, it
was necessary that this memorandum be returned to the Supervisor six
times. It is to be noted that the memorandum was returned to the

Supervisor not for the correction of errors of substance or form, but for a change of the recommendation or for the addition of information regarding the Bureau's policy and previous action taken in such matters.

Regardless of the above facts, too much time was consumed in the handling of this matter and every effort will be made in the future to bring about a more prompt and efficient handling of such matters.

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ADDENDUM BY BELMONT: (AHB:jmr) 2-18-55 The delay in this matter was not the fault of the Supervisor, [redacted], as he took prompt action while the matter was in his hands. The delay was occasioned by conflicting opinions as to how we should approach this, which resulted in the memorandum being rewritten several times based on instructions from Mr. Belmont's office and from Mr. Boardman's office. Certainly the matter could have been handled more rapidly and it was Belmont's responsibility to see that it was handled more rapidly. I recommend that I receive a letter of censure concerning this.

I should also be censured

Yes agree
1/18 - [signature]
1/18 - [signature]
1/18 - [signature]

304 me
JPM
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This matter could have been resolved and acted upon within a few minutes time

2. Certainly agree 1/18
It is a sad commentary on the slow-motion nature of all too frequently manifested in Belmont's Dict. H.

March 4, 1955

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

1505 SDP/ICSR
9-26-91

Dear Mr. Belmont:

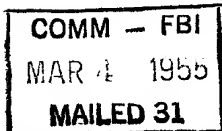
My attention has been called to the explanation you have submitted for engaging in a long-distance telephone call with the Special Agent in Charge of the Atlanta Division on February 28, 1955, lasting for thirty-nine minutes. It was utterly absurd for you to have engaged in a long-distance telephone call of such duration and the reason you have advanced for it constitutes no justification whatever.

I am determined that such extravagance in communications costs shall be eliminated and our long-distance telephone expenditures reduced. Accordingly, I shall hold you personally accountable for seeing to it that you and your subordinates do not again engage in such protracted long-distance telephone conversations at Bureau expense.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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CC: Mr. Boardman (Personal Attention)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. SIZOO

DATE: March 1, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: LENGTH OF TELEPHONE CALLS

Tolson
Boardman
Nichols
Belmont
Mumford
Parsons
Rosen
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Sizoo
Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Holloman
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With reference to your inquiry as to the length of two telephone calls received by me on February 28, 1955, the following is set forth:

(11 min. call)

ASAC Earl Brown called from Philadelphia relative to an individual who talked to a newspaper editor in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, relative to a check he was making of germ warfare, atomic fall-out and a nerve gas. The editor raised a question as to the accuracy of the information. Inasmuch as this had all the earmarks of a story which could raise hysteria in Pennsylvania and in other parts of the country if it was disseminated, I instructed ASAC Brown to have the individual interviewed at once and gave specific instructions as to how it was to be handled. This was a matter which could not wait.

(39 min. call)

Relative to the call from SAC Mumford at Atlanta, Mumford advised of the receipt of a two-page report given by a girl in the WACs concerning her associations with Harvey Matusow wherein Matusow told her regarding his association with Senator McCarthy and gave information indicating why he was putting out his book and his drive for publicity and to keep his name before the public. Mumford said this report was given to him by General Bolling and that Bolling was sending it to Army headquarters by mail the same day. In view of the importance of the Matusow case, it seemed imperative to me that we have the contents of the report at once in order that we could check it for action. Hence, I had him furnish the information telephonically.

I think a check will reflect that my calls to the field are generally very short, as I talk strictly business and do not indulge in pleasantries. In these two instances I felt that it was necessary to secure the information in the form as I did.

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CC - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Sizoo

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I recommend letters
to SAC Mumford and
Belmont. We must
reduce such
expenditures

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

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DATE 3/3/55

FROM : R. T. Harbo

SUBJECT

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H. H. Belmont

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Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Sizoo	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

SYNOPSIS

BACKGROUND: San Francisco letter 2/10/55 to Bureau transmitted amended pages of report of SA Troy F. Wilder, San Francisco, 1/6/55. Bureau letter 1/28/55 to San Francisco, prepared by Supervisor [redacted], Internal Security Section, Domestic Intelligence Division, pointed out certain information contained in said report as attributable to informants T-12 and T-6 was not documented. This was corrected through the amended pages. Referenced San Francisco letter transmitting amended pages to Bureau contained no explanations concerning the error nor recommendations covering administrative action. Said letter was received in Internal Security Section 2/15/55, and was forwarded by Supervisor [redacted] to Consolidation Unit of Records Section by routing slip 2/17/55 for substitution and return.

GOVERNING INSTRUCTIONS: SAC Letter 54-23, 5/4/54, provides "In the future all errors to be corrected in reports after they have been forwarded to the Bureau must be submitted by cover letter containing an explanation for the error, together with two copies of any corrections to be made on reports previously disseminated." Section 4A 1 j, Manual of Rules and Regulations, provides, "Amended pages of reports are to be submitted to the Bureau by cover letter. The cover letter must contain an explanation for the error, recommendations for any administrative action, if necessary, together with two copies of the amended pages of reports."

EXPLANATIONS REQUESTED: Bureau letter 2/23/55 to San Francisco, copy to Mr. Belmont, prepared in connection with a survey conducted by Inspector H. C. Van Pelt covering such errors, called attention to foregoing instructions and requested field and SOG explanations.

Attachments

cc - Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr

cc - SOG Personnel Files:

SA Troy F. Wilder
Stenographer [redacted]

SA [redacted]
SAC W. M. Whelan
SA [redacted]

Section Chief F. J. Baumgardner
Inspector V. P. Keay

Assistant Director A. H. Belmont
SOG Files - San Francisco Division
Domestic Intelligence Division

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EXPLANATIONS RECEIVED: SAC W. M. Whelan, San Francisco, advised that (1) reporting Agent Troy F. Wilder dictated the complete documentation; (2) failure to properly report same was primarily responsibility of transcribing stenographer, Mrs. [redacted] who entered maternity leave 2/11/55; (3) SA Wilder, who is a Resident Agent, was not at San Francisco Headquarters 1/6/55 and accordingly did not proofread instant report; (4) Relief Supervisor [redacted], who approved said report, failed to note the incomplete documentation, and (5) he, SAC Whelan, did not see San Francisco letter, prepared by Agent Wilder, transmitting amended pages to Bureau, but is primarily responsible for the proper administration of the office, and he regrets that the required explanations were not included in said communication. SAC Whelan stated no purpose would be served in recommending administrative action against [redacted] in view of her being in maternity leave status. He recommended no administrative action against Relief Supervisor [redacted], explaining that [redacted] regretted his oversight, had been admonished, and that a copy of [redacted] explanation had been placed in the latter's personnel file.

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SOG Supervisor [redacted] explained that following receipt of the amended pages in the Internal Security Section, he routed same to Consolidation Unit of Records Section for substitution in the original report and return to him. He advised that he intended pursuing the matter further through requesting explanation from San Francisco as to why instructions governing submission of amended pages were not followed. Section Chief F. J. Baumgardner and Assistant Director Belmont concurred and recommended no administrative action.

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CONCLUSION: The incomplete documentation involved does not appear to be a substantive error; the case has not been jeopardized and the amended pages submitted were administrative pages which are not disseminated. Nevertheless, the San Francisco errors caused undue expense and unnecessary correspondence. SOG Supervisor [redacted] failed to take immediate action to obtain an explanation from San Francisco and was, therefore, derelict. He had opportunities to request explanation in Bureau letter to San Francisco 1/28/55 and again upon receipt of San Francisco letter 2/10/55.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) SA Troy F. Wilder, San Francisco....censure....because of failure to follow existing instructions in forwarding amended pages to Bureau.

(2) Stenographer [redacted], San Francisco....That SAC, San Francisco, be advised by Bureau letter of her inadequacy, and that said letter be placed in her personnel file for use in preparing her next performance rating. (She is now on maternity leave.) Letter should charge her with transcription errors and failure to accurately proofread her completed product.

Resigned 2/11/55

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(3) SA [redacted], San Francisco....censure....as Relief Supervisor he should have detected and corrected the incomplete documentation in report of SA Wilder 1/6/55.

(4) SAC W. M. Whelan, San Francisco....censure....for weaknesses in functioning of San Francisco office.

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(5) SA [redacted], Internal Security Section....censure....for delay in requesting explanations from San Francisco.

(6) Chief F. J. Baumgardner, Internal Security Section....
Recommendation being submitted separately covering this and other
similar matters.

(7) Inspector V. P. Keay, Domestic Intelligence Division....
Recommendation being submitted separately covering this and other
similar matters.

(8) Assistant Director A. H. Belmont, Domestic Intelligence
Division....No action....In view of his being previously censured
for this and other similar matters.

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PERMANENT BRIEFS OF STENOGRAPHER [] SAs WILDER, [] AND
[] AND SAC WHELAN ARE ATTACHED HERETO.

DETAILS

Not repeated herein in view of being fully covered in
synopsis and in the investigative file.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

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(U) SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was.

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SYNOPSIS

BACKGROUND: Newark letter 2/4/55 to Bureau and New York transmitted amended pages of report of SA [REDACTED],

Newark, 1/11/55. When said report was originally submitted, it failed to reflect that subject was questioned about (1) whether

[REDACTED] was to attend the Third

Congress of the [REDACTED]; (2) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reportedly held in the [REDACTED] and

(3) whether [REDACTED] of a security, intelligence, political or propaganda nature. (S) This was called to Newark's attention by Bureau letter 1/21/55, prepared by Supervisor [REDACTED], Espionage Section, Domestic Intelligence Division. Said letter instructed additional interview be conducted and that results be submitted in a new report. Correction of a sentence, obviously garbled, was also instructed. No request for explanations from personnel responsible, nor recommendations of SAC covering administrative action was made.

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Referenced Newark letter to Bureau transmitting amended pages of above report was prepared by SA [REDACTED] and was approved by Relief Supervisor [REDACTED]. It contained no explanations nor recommendations covering administrative action. Said letter was received in Espionage Section 2/9/55, was initialed by Supervisor [REDACTED], and was received in Consolidation Unit of Records Section 2/17/55 so that substitution of amended pages could be made in original report. Dissemination to Immigration and Naturalization Service and to Records Administration Branch of Department of Justice has not yet been made. Bureau letter 2/14/55

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Attachments

cc - Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Mohr

SOG Personnel Files:

SA [REDACTED]
 SA [REDACTED]
 SA [REDACTED]
 SAC H. G. Foster

cc - SOG Personnel Files:

SA [REDACTED]
 Section Chief William A. Branigan
 Inspector C. E. Hennrich
 Assistant Director A. H. Belmont
 SOG Files - Newark Division
 Domestic Intelligence
 Division

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to Newark, prepared by Supervisor [] instructed that corrections be made in amended pages submitted, covering certain garbled sentences concerning Croatian Fraternal Union. This letter likewise failed to request explanations from personnel responsible and recommendations of SAC covering administrative action.

GOVERNING INSTRUCTIONS: SAC Letter 54-23, 5/4/54, provides "In the future all errors to be corrected in reports after they have been forwarded to the Bureau must be submitted by cover letter containing an explanation for the error, together with two copies of any corrections to be made on reports previously disseminated." Section 4A 1 j, Manual of Rules and Regulations, provides, "Amended pages of reports are to be submitted to the Bureau by cover letter. The cover letter must contain an explanation for the error, recommendations for any administrative action, if necessary, together with two copies of the amended pages of reports."

EXPLANATIONS REQUESTED: Bureau letter 2/23/55 to Newark, copy to Mr. Belmont, prepared in connection with a survey conducted by Inspector H. C. Van Pelt covering such errors, called attention to foregoing instructions and requested field and SOG explanations. b6

EXPLANATIONS RECEIVED: SA [] explained that inasmuch as the amended pages covered additional investigation requested by the Bureau, rather than corrections of errors in his original report, he did not feel that above rules governing submission of amended pages applied in this instance. It is not felt said explanation is acceptable. It also appears that his reporting of instant investigation has been seriously deficient, and has resulted in undue expense and unnecessary correspondence. b6

Relief Supervisor [], who approved SA [] report of 1/11/55, advised that he felt said report adequately covered the investigation conducted. It is not felt said explanation is acceptable, because of the failure to set forth whether subject was questioned about the three pertinent topics referred to in the first paragraph of this communication, and because of the garbled sentence contained in said report. b6

Relief Supervisor [], who approved referenced Newark letter transmitting the amended pages to the Bureau, concurred with SA []. As indicated above, it is not felt such explanation is

acceptable. It appears that had Relief Supervisor [] carefully reviewed this matter, he would have observed serious deficiencies in SA [] performance and should have insisted upon Agent [] explanation being submitted to Bureau together with recommendation covering administrative action.

SAC H. G. Foster concurred with SA [] and Relief Supervisors [] and [] and recommended no administrative action be taken against them. As pointed out above, it is not felt this is acceptable. Also, as Special Agent in Charge of the Newark Division it is Mr. Foster's responsibility to insure that investigations and reports are thorough, complete and clear.

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SOG Supervisor [] explained he noted the weaknesses in SA [] initial report of 1/11/55 and initiated corrective action per Bureau letter to Newark 1/21/55. He advised he considered these instructions as amounting to guidance by Bureau rather than concerning correction of errors requiring administrative action. He stated that he accordingly did not feel that above regulations governing submission of amended pages applied. It is not felt said explanation is acceptable. It also appears that Supervisor [], having recognized serious weaknesses in the attention provided this case at Newark, should have included requests for explanations from personnel responsible and recommendations covering administrative action, in Bureau letters 1/21/55 and 2/14/55.

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Chief W. A. Branigan, Espionage Section, Domestic Intelligence Division, stated the field should have followed governing instructions. He recommended no administrative action against Supervisor [], pointing out that [] was constructively supervising case as evidenced by detailed instructions [] provided Newark. While this constitutes some mitigation, it appears Supervisor [] was not sufficiently vigorous in his supervision and should have fixed responsibility for the serious deficiencies found.

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Mr. Belmont felt [] was properly supervising the case and recommended no administrative action.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) SA [], Newark....censure....for errors in his report of 1/11/55, failure to follow existing instructions regarding submission of amended pages, and submitting amended pages which contained garbled phraseology.

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(2) SA [redacted] Newark....censure....for failure to detect and correct errors in SA [redacted] report of 1/11/55.

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(3) SA [redacted], Newark....censure....for failure to see to it that existing Bureau instructions were followed in submission of amended pages, and for failure to detect garbled phraseology in said amended pages.

(4) SAC H. G. Foster, Newark....censure....for weaknesses in functioning of Newark Office.

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(5) SA [redacted], Espionage Section....censure....for failure to request explanations from Newark.

(6) Chief W. A. Branigan, Espionage Section....Recommendation being submitted separately covering this and other similar matters.

(7) Inspector C. E. Hennrich, Domestic Intelligence Division....Recommendation being submitted separately covering this and other similar matters.

(8) Assistant Director A. H. Belmont, Domestic Intelligence Division....No action....In view of his being previously censured for this and other similar matters.

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PERMANENT BRIEFS OF SAs [REDACTED], AND SAC FOSTER, ARE ATTACHED HERETO.

DETAILS

Not reported herein in view of being fully covered in synopsis and in the investigative file.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 3/2/55

FROM : R. T. Harbo *RE*

SUBJECT: AMENDED DOCUMENTS
(CORRECTED OR REVISED REPORTS)

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BACKGROUND: Survey conducted by Inspector H. C. Van Pelt in accordance with Director's instructions to make thorough check as to why voluminous number of errors and changes in reports, which apparently have had to be made, were never called to Director's attention, and apparently no steps were taken by either Domestic Intelligence or Investigative Divisions to fix responsibility for such errors.

FINDINGS: Review was made by the Inspector of 22 files wherein corrections in reports were in the process of being made through amended pages submitted by field. In each instance, cover communications were received from field transmitting amended pages of reports without providing Bureau with explanations or supplying recommendations regarding administrative action.

in the 22 files
Inspector found no instances wherein field's failure to comply with existing instructions concerning submission of amended pages was brought to attention of any Assistant Director. Files reviewed by Inspector show that cover communications from field transmitting amended pages have been approved by Agent Supervisors in Domestic Intelligence and Investigative Divisions, and were forwarded by them to Records Section for handling. Recommendations being submitted separately covering responsibility of both field and HQ personnel concerning each of these 22 cases.

EXPLANATIONS OF MESSRS. BOARDMAN, BELMONT AND ROSEN.

Said explanations point out that Domestic Intelligence and Investigative Divisions have not followed existing instructions and insisted upon amended pages of reports being submitted by cover memoranda with explanations of personnel responsible and recommendations of SACs covering administrative action.

cc - Mr. Boardman, Mr. Nichols

Mr. Belmont
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Mohr

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(9) Attachment

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

necessary. Messrs. Boardman, Belmont and Rosen advised that such a procedure was followed only if the substance of the case was affected and the errors were serious enough to require administrative action. In other instances it was not felt necessary to obtain explanations from responsible employees and recommendations from SACs as to administrative action.

Given authorized exceptions. H.
Mr. Boardman stated that the voluminous number of errors made by the field shows that insufficient action was taken by Domestic Intelligence Division and Investigative Division to reduce the volume.

TYPES OF ERRORS INVOLVED

There is an attached sheet identifying the errors relating to the 22 cases previously mentioned. Although Mr. Belmont stated at the Executives Conference on 3/3/55 that the 12 errors referred to his Division were of "form-type" the attached sheet shows some very serious substantive errors causing undue expense and unnecessary correspondence. An example is the Internal Security case involving [redacted] wherein the Philadelphia Office on 1/10/55; submitted three amended pages involving:

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- A. Changing [redacted] statement that both [redacted] prefer to reside in the United States... changed to eliminate [redacted].
- B. "She further stated she could read her mother's script..." changed to insert the word "not" ... completely changing the substance.
- C. Change to delete Confidential Informant T-1 and insert instead "records of Immigration and Naturalization Service in Philadelphia."

In addition, the Seat of Government Supervisor found it necessary to amend five pages in the same report in order to remove information which would prevent dissemination of the document to other agencies.

The above situation is purely an example set forth for your information.

Memorandum to Mr. Telson

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Messrs. Boardman, Belmont and Rosen.....**STRONG CENSURE.**

Most certainly. agree 11/3 1/4 4

2. A separate memorandum will be submitted as to each of the twenty-two cases involved and each of those memoranda will describe the situation, fix responsibility and contain recommendations for action.

Right. 11/3 1/4 4
2 Right. Supervisors who have been culpable in this matter are to be censured or transferred or both.

I want Boardman, Belmont & Rosen to understand I am desperately serious in my determination to put an end to the avalanche of error in the field & at the heart of Govt. If they want or want carry out my orders, then I shall take drastic administrative action.

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Errors relating to Domestic Intelligence Division

1. GREGORY BASHAN, INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Philadelphia letter 1/10/55, contains no explanation as to why the errors were made and contains no recommendation as to administrative action; transmitted three amended pages of a report submitted 12/31/54. The errors were of substance and involved:

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(a) Originally [] was quoted as saying that "both [] prefer to reside in the United States.. the amended page eliminated []."

(b) It was initially stated [] script.. " which was changed to [] script."

(c) Delete Confidential Informant T-1 and substitute instead "records of Immigration and Naturalization Service at Philadelphia." Thereafter on 1/19/55, Supervisor [] transmitted to Philadelphia five additional amended pages; these amended pages were necessary in order to prepare the report of 12/31 for dissemination and relate to such matters as love affairs, miscarriages and abortions. Domestic Intelligence Division requested no explanation from the Philadelphia Office.

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2. [] INTERNAL SECURITY - []

Bureau letter to Newark 1/25/55, prepared by Supervisor [], Espionage Section, pointed out to Newark that report of Agent [] 1/11/55, failed to reflect that subject was questioned about travel to [] a meeting of the []; whether [] two elective positions in a [] acquaintances sought Security-type []. Bureau communication also instructed that a garbled sentence be corrected. No explanation was requested from the Newark Office; Newark submitted 9 revised pages on 2/4/55, without explanation. It was subsequently necessary to instruct Newark to make additional corrections and no explanations were requested in this instance. These were substantive weaknesses.

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3. [REDACTED] INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Bureau letter 1/28/55 referred to incomplete documentation of report of SA Troy F. Wilder, San Francisco, 1/6/55. Said letter requested San Francisco to expedite correction so that report could be disseminated. The incomplete documentation was due to stenographic and relief supervisory failures. It caused undue expense and unnecessary correspondence.

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4. [REDACTED] INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Bureau letter 1/31/55, called attention to report of SA [REDACTED], Milwaukee, 1/20/55, which indicated subject was living under name of [REDACTED]. ~~The Bureau~~ The Bureau letter instructed Milwaukee that said name be included in the title of the next report. Milwaukee letter 2/11/55, advised that SA [REDACTED] report of 1/20/55, was in error, that the name should have been [REDACTED] and amended pages were attached correcting same. No explanation of personnel responsible was submitted although additional expense and unnecessary correspondence were required.

5. [REDACTED] INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Bureau letter 1/21/55, to Milwaukee called attention to another report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/12/55, which failed to indicate whether [REDACTED] was questioned as to whether the names of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were known to him, as requested in New York report of SA [REDACTED] 12/21/54. Milwaukee letter 2/3/55 transmitted a corrected page to show that [REDACTED] was so questioned but advised said names are not familiar and mean nothing to him. No explanation of personnel was submitted although additional expense and unnecessary correspondence were required.

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6. [REDACTED] SECURITY MATTER - C

Detroit routing slip 2/15/55 furnished Bureau with amended pages of report of SA [REDACTED], Detroit, 12/13/54, to provide identity of source for T-7. It does not appear that this was an error, but to provide the Bureau with documentation not available at the time said report was submitted. Bureau instructions provide that reports are not to be delayed for this purpose.

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7. [REDACTED] SECURITY MATTER - C

This is similar to case described next above.

8. [REDACTED] INTERNAL SECURITY - R

This is similar to case described next above.

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9. [REDACTED] SECURITY MATTER - C

Bureau error form received New York 1/20/55 called attention to incorrect dates in report of SA Victor Carelli, New York, 6/19/53, and New York submitted amended pages by routing slip 2/2/55 to clarify same. No explanation of responsible personnel was submitted although additional expense and unnecessary correspondence were required.

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10. [REDACTED] SECURITY MATTER - C

Albany letter 2/15/55 enclosed two corrected pages of report of SA George P. Simpson, 9/24/54. The corrections were required to transfer a twelve-line paragraph containing personal opinions and the reasons why subject was not recommended for listing in the Security Index, from the details of said report to the administrative page. No explanation was provided although additional expense and unnecessary correspondence resulted.

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11. [REDACTED] SECURITY MATTER - C

New York routing slip 2/10/55 transmitted amended copies of two pages of report of SA Gerard A. Pondo, 1/26/55. This correction occurred as a result of Bureau error form sent to New York 2/4/55, to change "Thompson Hill Club, Communist Political Association, 1938 - 1945" to "Thompson Hill Branch of Communist Party, 1938 - 1944, and Thompson Hill Branch of Communist Political Association, 1944 - 1945." Said change was required in both synopsis and details. No explanation was submitted, although additional expense and unnecessary correspondence were involved.

12. [REDACTED] SECURITY MATTER - C

Honolulu routing slip 2/15/55, submitted three corrected pages of report of SA [REDACTED], 1/27/55. These corrections were requested per Bureau error form 2/2/55, because the original report (1) did not include in the details date information was obtained from Confidential Informant F-1 and (2) concluded the details with the statement "subject's Security Index card is current." No explanation was submitted despite additional expense and unnecessary correspondence required.

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Errors concerning Investigative Division. It is to be noted that in no instances were explanations requested of the field nor were recommendations as to administrative action submitted.

13. [REDACTED] ET AL: THEFT FROM
INTERSTATE SHIPMENT (15-92697)

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Fugitive matter involving 20 individuals. Names listed in title followed by word "FUGITIVES." Bureau requested amended page listing "FUGITIVE" behind name of each subject so no mistake could result.

14. [REDACTED] WATER
DEPARTMENT INSTALLATION DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF
THE AIR FORCE, KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS;
THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY (52-65154)

Title of report did not include subject's Government employee title; required to ensure proper routing and dissemination.

15. [REDACTED] WA.;
[REDACTED] WAS; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] COLORADO, [REDACTED]; BANK ROBBERY;
CONSPIRACY; ESCAPE AND RESCUE (91-7777)

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Investigative report contained incomplete title. Name of bank, location and date of robbery omitted by stenographer. Poor spelling and sentence structure in two parole reports - messy typing. Responsible stenographer resigned January 28, 1955.

16. [REDACTED]
PARTNERS, DEA [REDACTED]
ASCERTAINING FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (93-8792)

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Field set out lead to determine whether subject planning to handle certain matters with Assistant United States Attorney. Bureau suggested this a matter more properly handled by AUSA. Field corrected lead to indicate AUSA being followed.

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Errors concerning Inv. Div. (contd)

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17. UNKNOWN SUBJECT: LIEUTENANT (JG) [REDACTED]
- VICTIM: CRIME ON GOVERNMENT
RESERVATION - ASSAULT (70-21946)

Substantive confusion in report as to names and identity of two individuals. Determined names inadvertently interchanged during dictation. Corrected by field.

18. [REDACTED] THEFT
FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT (15-32498)

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Details of investigative report did not indicate where certain inquiry conducted. Corrected pages submitted with caption, At McKinney, Texas, set out.

19. [REDACTED] WAS: [REDACTED]
WAS. - FUGITIVE;
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR
VEHICLE (26-189648)

Administrative page of investigative report failed to identify "T-1" mentioned in details. Discovered and corrected by field supervisor. Unnecessary correspondence resulted.

20. [REDACTED]
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT - 1948:
CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR (25-378500)

Statement on last page of report regarding, Enclosures to Bureau. Pertinent words omitted; giving incorrect information.

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21. [REDACTED]
RESERVE (42-11563)

Copy of report designated to Kansas City, with no leads. No indication why report so designated.

22. [REDACTED] WAS. - FUGITIVE: INTERSTATE
TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY: MAIL FRAUD (37-24983)

Error form to field for incomplete character - synopsis incomplete - one page missing from all copies of report. Indicating B. in copy in field.

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SYNOPSIS

BACKGROUND: Milwaukee letter 2-3-55 to Bureau and New York transmitted corrected copies of Page 1 of report of SA [redacted] Milwaukee, 1-12-55. Said report originally failed to reflect whether [redacted] who was interviewed by Milwaukee, was questioned concerning [redacted] [redacted], aka [redacted], per lead set forth in report of SA [redacted], New York, 12-21-54. This was called to Milwaukee's attention per Bureau letter 1-21-55 prepared by Supervisor J. F. Wacks, Espionage Section, Domestic Intelligence Division. Said letter instructed, "Advise if such interrogation took place and, if so, the results."

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The corrected page transmitted per Milwaukee letter 2-3-55 does not indicate any recontact of [redacted] was required, and it added to the information originally reported, "The names [redacted] and [redacted] are not familiar to [redacted] and mean nothing to him." Referenced letter was received in Espionage Section 2-7-55, was initialed by Supervisor Wacks, and was received in Consolidation Unit of Records Section 2-8-55 so that the corrected page could be substituted for the original. One copy of the original report had been disseminated to the Records Administration Branch of Department of Justice 1-19-55 and the corrected page was forwarded there by routing slip 2-8-55.

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Attachments

cc - Mr. Nichols

Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

Mr. Mohr

SOG Personnel Files:

SA [redacted]

SA [redacted]

SAC J. B. Poster

SA J. F. Wacks

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cc - SOG Personnel Files:

Section Chief William A. Branigan

Inspector C. E. Henrich

Assistant Director A. H. Belmont

SOG Files - Milwaukee Division

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GOVERNING INSTRUCTIONS: SAC Letter 54-23, 5/4/54, provides "In the future all errors to be corrected in reports after they have been forwarded to the Bureau must be submitted by cover letter containing an explanation for the error, together with two copies of any corrections to be made on reports previously disseminated." Section 4A 1 j, Manual of Rules and Regulations, provides, "Amended pages of reports are to be submitted to the Bureau by cover letter. The cover letter must contain an explanation for the error, recommendations for any administrative action, if necessary, together with two copies of the amended pages of reports."

EXPLANATIONS REQUESTED: Bureau letter 2/23/55 to Milwaukee, copy to Mr. Belmont, prepared in connection with a survey conducted by Inspector H. C. Van Pelt covering such errors, called attention to foregoing instructions and requested field and SOG explanations.

EXPLANATIONS RECEIVED: SA [] explained (1) he completely covered the New York lead but failed to fully dictate the results; (2) He did not detect the incomplete reporting because he was not available to review same before its transmittal to the Bureau, and (3) he prepared the Milwaukee letter transmitting the amended pages to the Bureau, not understanding that above SAC Letter referred to errors of this type.

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Supervisor [], Milwaukee, explained (1) he overlooked the fact that SA [] report omitted information called for in the lead set out by New York, and (2) he approved the Milwaukee letter transmitting the amended pages to the Bureau because he did not understand that above SAC Letter referred to errors of this type.

SAC J. B. Poster, Milwaukee, advised he made it clear to both SA [] and Supervisor Lovrien that the correction made in SA [] report falls within the purview of above SAC Letter, and that he impressed upon them the necessity for completeness and accuracy in the submission of reports. SAC Poster recommended no administrative action be taken.

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SOG Supervisor Wacks advised (1) the purpose of his letter to Milwaukee 1-21-55 was to ascertain whether the New York lead was fully covered, and (2) upon receipt of the amended page he did not feel the matter warranted administrative action since the matter had been called to Milwaukee's attention, and he did not feel further correspondence to secure explanations was necessary.

Chief W. A. Branigan, Espionage Section, Domestic Intelligence Division, stated the field should have followed governing instructions. He recommended no administrative action against Supervisor Wacks, and Mr. Belmont concurred.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) SA [REDACTED], Milwaukee...Recommendation being submitted separately covering this and another similar matter.

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(2) SA [REDACTED], Milwaukee...censure...for failure to detect and correct error in SA [REDACTED] report and for failure to see to it that governing instructions were followed in the submission of the amended page.

(3) SAC J. B. Poster, Milwaukee...Recommendation being submitted separately covering this and another similar matter.

(4) SA J. F. Wacks, Espionage Section...censure...for failure to request explanations from Milwaukee

(5) Chief W. A. Branigan, Espionage Section...Recommendation being submitted separately covering this and other similar matters.

(6) Inspector C. E. Henrich, Domestic Intelligence Division...Recommendation being submitted separately covering this and other similar matters.

(7) Assistant Director A. H. Belmont, Domestic Intelligence Division...no action...in view of his being recommended separately for censure for this and other similar matters.

PERMANENT BRIEFS OF SAs ~~ROETHKE~~, LOVRIEN, AND WACKS, ~~AND SAC POSTER~~ ARE ATTACHED.

DETAILS

Not reported herein in view of being fully covered in synopsis and in the investigative file.

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SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS

BACKGROUND: New York, by routing slip 2/10/55, transmitted amended pages 1 and 4 for the report of SA Gerard A. Pondo, entitled as above, and dated 1/26/55 at New York. This report contained the statement that subject was a member of the Thompson Hill Club, Communist Party, from 1938 to 1945. Form 0-17 dated 2/4/55, prepared by SOG Supervisor [redacted], requested the period of 1938 to 1945 be broken down to show membership in Communist Party and Communist Political Association. This was done by above amended pages which were transmitted to the Bureau by routing slip containing no explanation for the error and no recommendations for administrative action. This routing slip with amended pages was received in the Domestic Intelligence Division 2/14/55 and forwarded by Supervisor [redacted] to Consolidation Unit, Records Section, by routing slip 2/16/55 checked "note and return."

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GOVERNING INSTRUCTIONS: SAC Letter 54-23, 5/4/54, provides "In the future all errors to be corrected in reports after they have been forwarded to the Bureau must be submitted by cover letter containing an explanation for the error, together with two copies of any corrections to be made on reports previously disseminated." Section 4A 1 j, Manual of Rules and Regulations, provides, "Amended pages of reports are to be submitted to the Bureau by cover letter. The cover letter must contain an explanation for the error, recommendations for any administrative action, if necessary, together with two copies of the amended pages of reports."

EXPLANATIONS REQUESTED: Bureau letter 2/23/55 to New York, copy to Mr. Belmont, prepared in connection with a survey conducted by Inspector H. C. Van Pelt covering such errors, called attention to foregoing instructions and requested field and SOG explanations.

Attachments

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
SOG Personnel Files:
SA Gerard A. Pondo
SA Francis J. Sandin

cc - SOG Personnel Files:
SAC J. J. Kelly
SA [redacted]
Sec. Chief F. J. Baumgardner
Inspector V. P. Keay
Asst. Dir. A. H. Belmont
SOG Files - New York Division
Domestic Intelligence Div.

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EXPLANATIONS RECEIVED: SAC Kelly, New York, advised Bureau's request on Form 0-17, 2/4/55, was complied with. Amended pages were prepared by SA Pondo, approved by Supervisor F. J. Sandin and submitted to the Bureau by routing slip. SA Pondo advised he reported the information as it had been given by the informant in 1945. Supervisor Sandin explained he felt the amended pages were being submitted for clarification rather than because of an error and, therefore, submitted pages by routing slip without letter since no recommendation for administrative action was contemplated.

SAC Kelly advised both SA Pondo and Supervisor Sandin have been cautioned to use more care in the future to be certain that accurate reporting is done and that he has placed a copy of his letter of explanation of 2/28/55, in the personnel folders of SAs Pondo and Sandin. SAC Kelly recommends no further administrative action. b6

SOG Supervisor [] advised that his first consideration was for the accuracy of Bureau records and that upon receipt of amended pages he sent them to Consolidation Unit for insertion in the Bureau files and that he would have handled the question of a letter requesting explanation from the field on return of amended pages from Consolidation Unit. Section Chief F. J. Baumgardner and Assistant Director Belmont concurred and recommended no administrative action.

CONCLUSION: SA Pondo's report of 1/26/55 reflects an informant reported subject to be a member of the Thompson Hill Club, Communist Party, 1938-45, per informant's report 5/27/45 (T-9). Amended page 4, as submitted by NYO, reflects T-9 advised subject a member of Thompson Hill Branch, Communist Political Association, in 1944 and to February, 1945, and that subject was a member of Thompson Hill Branch, Communist Party, 1938 to 1944.

In New York letter 2/28/55, SA Pondo explained he originally reported the information as it had been given by informant in 1945. Thus, amended page 4 must necessarily be erroneous inasmuch as there is no indication that the informant was reinterviewed in the interim. Actually, the Communist Political Association replaced the Communist Party from May, 1944, to July, 1945. SA Pondo, in submitting original report, should have clearly shown that Communist Party had disbanded in favor of Communist Political Association from May, 1944, to July, 1945.

Supervisor [redacted], New York, telephonically advised 3/7/55 that New York will submit letter correcting the above situation. F. J. Baumgardner, Section Chief, Internal Security Section, Domestic Intelligence Division will submit SAC Letter pointing out necessity for accurate reporting in this and similar situations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) SA Gerard A. Pondo, New York....censure....for not questioning and clarifying the information attributed to T-9 and submitting an accurate report initially.

(2) SA Francis J. Sandin, New York....censure....as supervisor he should have detected and corrected the manner in which SA Pondo reported the information relative to subject having been a member of Thompson Hill Club, Communist Party, 1938-45.

(3) SAC J. J. Kelly, New York....Recommendation being submitted separately covering his over-all responsibility in this and other similar matters.

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(4) Supervisor [redacted]....Recommendation being submitted separately covering this and other similar matters.

(5) Chief F. J. Baumgardner, Internal Security Section....
Recommendation being submitted separately covering this and other
similar matters.

(6) Inspector V. P. Keay, Domestic Intelligence Division....
Recommendation being submitted separately covering this and other
similar matters.

(7) Assistant Director A. H. Belmont, Domestic Intelligence
Division....No action....In view of his being previously censured
for this and other similar matters.

PERMANENT BRIEFS OF SAs PONDO AND SANDIN ARE ATTACHED.

DETAILS

Not repeated herein in view of being fully covered in
synopsis and in the investigative file.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Mr. Tolson

DATE:

3/10/55

FROM :

R. T. Harbo

SUBJECT:

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 SECURITY MATTER - C
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SYNOPSIS

BACKGROUND: Bureau directed an error form (0-17) prepared by SOG Supervisor Kirby A. Vosburgh, Internal Security Section, Domestic Intelligence Division, to Honolulu 2/8/55 requesting correction of page 3 of report of SA Leo S. Brenneisen dated 1/27/55 at Honolulu. By routing slip (FD-4) 2/15/55 Honolulu submitted amended pages to above report. Page 3 of details originally reflected Subject's Security Index Card was current. No explanation for the error was requested on Form 0-17 and no explanation for the error or recommendations were submitted with amended pages from Honolulu 2/15/55. Date stamp reflects amended pages received at Bureau 2/18/55. Supervisor Vosburgh advised when he received amended pages 2/23/55 the file was attached and Training & Inspection Division had already taken required action by writing Honolulu.

GOVERNING INSTRUCTIONS: SAC Letter 54-23, 5/4/54, provides "In the future all errors to be corrected in reports after they have been forwarded to the Bureau must be submitted by cover letter containing an explanation for the error, together with two copies of any corrections to be made on reports previously disseminated." Section 4A 1 j, Manual of Rules and Regulations, provides, "Amended pages of reports are to be submitted to the Bureau by cover letter. The cover letter must contain an explanation for the error, recommendations for any administrative action, if necessary, together with two copies of the amended pages of reports."

Attachments

cc - Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Mohr

cc - SOG Personnel Files:
 SA Leo S. Brenneisen
 SAC J. H. Williams
 SA Kirby A. Vosburgh
 Section Chief F. J. Baumgardner
 Inspector V. P. Keay
 Assistant Director A. H. Belmont
 SOG Files - Honolulu Division
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EXPLANATIONS REQUESTED: Bureau letter to Honolulu 2/23/55, copy to Mr. Belmont, prepared in connection with a survey conducted by Inspector H. C. Van Pelt covering such errors, called attention to foregoing instructions and requested field and SOG explanations. b6

EXPLANATIONS RECEIVED: Memorandum from SAC, Honolulu, 3/1/55 states: Examination of notebook of Stenographer [] reflects statement "Subject's Security Index Card is current" appears after last part of details but apparently SA Brenneisen did not sufficiently instruct the stenographer that this sentence was to be included on administrative page. SA Brenneisen, dictating Agent, had not reviewed report after transcription. SAC Williams explains that through inadvertence he failed to detect error on page 3 and with reference to submission of amended pages by routing slip, SAC Williams advised Honolulu Office has been erroneously submitting amended pages to reports by routing slip where report was not disseminated locally. He added that this erroneous practice has been stopped and all employees have been cautioned to exercise care in dictation and transcription of reports. He recommends no administrative action.

SOG Supervisor Vosburgh explained he did not receive amended pages until after Training & Inspection Division had taken necessary action by writing Honolulu and he therefore had no opportunity to take required action in this instance.

CONCLUSION:

The investigation does not appear to have been jeopardized; however, the errors in question have caused added expense and unnecessary correspondence.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. SA Leo S. Brenneisen, Honolulu . . . Censure . . . for failure to adequately instruct the stenographer that the sentence "Subject's Security Index Card is current" should appear on the administrative pages.

2. SAC John H. Williams, Honolulu . . . Censure . . . for failure to detect and correct error in instant report prior to approving it at Honolulu and for failure to follow existing Bureau instructions relative to submission of amended pages.

3. SOG Supervisor Kirby A. Vosburgh, Internal Security Section, Domestic Intelligence Division . . . Censure . . . Although he recognized weaknesses in this case by Honolulu Office, failed to request explanations and recommendations from Honolulu personnel at time of requesting corrected pages.

4. Section Chief F. J. Baumgardner, Internal Security Section, Domestic Intelligence Division . . . recommendation being submitted separately regarding this and similar matters.

5. Inspector V. P. Keay, Domestic Intelligence Division . . . recommendation being submitted separately covering this and other similar matters.

6. Assistant Director A. H. Belmont, Domestic Intelligence Division . . . no action . . . in view of his being recommended separately for censure for this and other similar matters.

PERMANENT BRIEFS OF SAS BRENNEISEN, VOSBURGH AND SAC WILLIAMS ATTACHED.

DETAILS

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SYNOPSIS

BACKGROUND: Albany, by memorandum 2/15/55, voluntarily submitted amended pages 2 and 3 to report of SA George P. Simpson, 9/24/54, which report contained the following administrative data in the last paragraph of details:

"During the interview of the subject on September 16, 1954, she attempted to give the interviewing agents the impression that she had no knowledge of Communism in general, however, her attitude was antagonistic, defensive, and she appeared to want to give the impression of being more ignorant and lacking of intelligence than she probably is. It is felt that further interview of the subject is not warranted in view of the obvious uncooperative attitude displayed. [] is not recommended for the Security Index at this time since her known activities have been limited to the [] and she is not employed in a critical or national defense capacity."

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This error was not called to attention of Albany Office by SOG but notation placed on original copy of report in Bureau file by SOG Supervisor Robert L. Van Wagoner, Internal Security Section, Domestic Intelligence Division, when report received at Bureau, that report contained administrative information and should not be disseminated in future. Albany memorandum of 2/15/55 does not contain explanations or recommendations as to the error in above report. This memorandum received Internal Security Section, Domestic Intelligence Division, 2/17/55, and sent to Consolidation Unit, Records Section, on routing slip by SA Van Wagoner on same date for recording, correction and return.

Attachments

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr

SOG Personnel Files:

Stenographer []
SA George P. Simpson
SA []

cc - SOG Personnel Files:

ASAC Joe D. Jamieson
SAC Edward A. Soucy
SA Robert L. Van Wagoner
Section Chief F. J. Baumgardner
Inspector V. P. Keay
Assistant Director A. H. Belmont
SOG Files - Albany Division
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GOVERNING INSTRUCTIONS: SAC Letter 54-23, 5/4/54, provides "In the future all errors to be corrected in reports after they have been forwarded to the Bureau must be submitted by cover letter containing an explanation for the error, together with two copies of any corrections to be made on reports previously disseminated." Section 4A 1 j, Manual of Rules and Regulations, provides, "Amended pages of reports are to be submitted to the Bureau by cover letter. The cover letter must contain an explanation for the error, recommendations for any administrative action, if necessary, together with two copies of the amended pages of reports."

EXPLANATIONS REQUESTED: Bureau letter 2/23/55 to Albany, copy to Mr. Belmont, prepared in connection with a survey conducted by Inspector H. C. Van Pelt covering such errors, called attention to foregoing instructions and requested field and SOG explanations.

EXPLANATIONS RECEIVED: SA George P. Simpson, Albany (Resident Agent, Syracuse, New York), stated he submitted a typed rough draft of a report on subject 9/16/54; that it contained an administrative page because he had expressed some personal opinions concerning the subject's attitude during the course of an interview. SA Simpson did not review the report of 9/24/54 before it was submitted to Bureau. SA Simpson, upon receiving case file 2/10/55, noted report of 9/24/54 contained administrative data in details and dictated corrected pages 2/11/55 but due to urgency to catch train and return to Resident Agency, requested stenographer to prepare transmittal memorandum for amended pages. Former Field Supervisor [redacted] Albany, explained he had no recollection of seeing a rough draft report in this case or signing report of 9/24/54. SAC Soucy, Albany, advised [redacted] did approve report in question. SA [redacted] explained he had instructed SA Simpson to prepare amended pages and appropriate cover letter on 2/11/55. SA [redacted] then supervisor, Albany Office, approved Albany letter transmitting amended pages without explanations and recommendations 2/15/55. He states explanations and recommendations should have been included. b6

Stenographer [redacted] has no recollection as to whether she typed report of 9/24/54 from rough draft or dictation and whether SA Simpson in any way indicated the last paragraph of details should have been placed on administrative page. b6

Albany letter of explanation 3/1/55 was prepared and approved by ASAC Jamieson, additional explanations and recommendations were submitted by teletype at Bureau request 3/9/55. SAC Albany recommends (1) censure for SA Simpson for failure to comply with existing Bureau instructions in preparation of a report, (2) censure for former Supervisor Joslin for failure to comply with Bureau instructions in SAC Letter 54-23, and for approving report of SA Simpson 9/24/54 which was not in conformance with Bureau instructions on report writing.

(3) censure for ASAC Jamieson for submitting an incomplete memorandum of explanation and recommendations as to SA Joslin on 3/1/55, and (4) SAC, Albany, recommends no administrative action for Stenographer [] since it cannot positively be determined whether report was typed from rough draft or dictation and whether proper instructions were given her relative to the administrative data which appeared in last paragraph of details.

SOG Supervisor Van Wagoner, Internal Security Section, Domestic Intelligence Division, explained that in September, 1954, he noted the error in the report in question but corrected pages were not requested since no dissemination was necessary; the investigation had been carried to a point where further investigation was not warranted and the case was being closed. He further explained that he placed a notation on page 1 of SA Simpson's report when it was received at Bureau to the effect that this report should not be disseminated in the future.

SA Van Wagoner explained further that upon receipt of amended pages at Bureau he immediately sent them to Consolidation Unit, Records Section, to record, correct and return in order to comply with Bureau instructions that all mail be recorded as soon as possible upon receipt at Bureau, but that he intended to request explanations and recommendations when the amended pages were returned to him.

Section Chief F. J. Baumgardner and Assistant Director Belmont, Domestic Intelligence Division, recommend censure for SA Van Wagoner for failure to follow existing Bureau instructions after having noted error in report of SA Simpson 9/24/54.

CONCLUSION: The investigation has not been jeopardized, nevertheless the Albany errors caused undue expense and correspondence. It does not appear from information available that it can be clearly resolved as to whether SA Simpson or Stenographer Distell was responsible for the improper preparation of the original report; however, SA [] was in error in having approved this report, and for having approved the incomplete memorandum dated 2/15/55 submitting the amended pages. ASAC Jamieson is responsible for having submitted an incomplete memorandum of explanation 3/1/55, and SA Van Wagoner is responsible for failure to take appropriate action upon detection of error in SA Simpson's report of 9/24/54.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) Stenographer [redacted], Albany....No administrative action....No definite determination can be made at this time as to whether she was given proper instructions concerning the last paragraph of the details of the report of SA Simpson, 9/24/55, which contained administrative data.

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(2) SA George P. Simpson, Albany (Resident Agent, Syracuse, New York)....censure....for failure to provide cover memorandum in accordance with existing Bureau rules in submitting amended pages 2/15/55. Responsibility for error in report 9/24/54 cannot be clearly fixed on SA Simpson since it cannot be determined whether Stenographer [redacted] prepared report from rough draft or dictation.

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(3) Former Supervisor [redacted], Albany....censure....for failure to detect and correct error in report of SA Simpson, 9/24/54, and for approving memorandum 2/15/55 submitting amended pages, which memorandum did not comply with existing Bureau instructions.

(4) ASAC Joe D. Jamieson, Albany....censure....for failure to clearly identify supervisory official who approved SA Simpson's report of 9/24/54 and failure to include recommendations for administrative action as to the supervisor who approved the report 9/24/54 in Albany letter of explanation 3/1/55.

(5) SAC Edward A. Soucy, Albany....censure....for weaknesses in the functioning of the Albany Office.

(6) SOG Supervisor Robert L. Van Wagoner, Internal Security Section, Domestic Intelligence Division....censure....for failure to request corrected pages, explanations and recommendations from Albany Office after detecting error in SA Simpson's report 9/24/54.

(7) Chief F. J. Baumgardner, Internal Security Section, Domestic Intelligence Division....Recommendation being submitted separately covering this and other similar matters.

(8) Inspector V. P. Keay, Domestic Intelligence Division.... Recommendation being submitted separately covering this and other similar matters.

(9) Assistant Director A. H. Belmont, Domestic Intelligence Division....No action....In view of his being previously censured for this and other similar matters.

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PERMANENT BRIEFS OF SAs SIMPSON, [REDACTED], VAN WAGONER; ASAC JAMIESON AND SAC SOUCY ARE ATTACHED HERETO.

DETAILS

Not repeated herein in view of being fully covered in synopsis and in the investigative file.

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SYNOPSIS

BACKGROUND: Summary report of SA Victor Carrelli, New York, 6/19/53, with copy designated for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, set forth the following information in page 2, paragraph 3, under caption of "Marital Status":

"The records of Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, an agency which maintains background information on individuals, reflected that [redacted] was married at Danbury, Connecticut, on May 3, 1941. The records listed his wife as [redacted] and further reflected that in 1942 [redacted] and that he had contributed to the support of [redacted] and his wife since 1932." (No explanation was included reconciling marriage in 1941 with contributing to support of wife [redacted] since 1932.) Informant page identified T-2 as "Selective Service Records - 1942 registration of subject's husband."

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New York letter to Bureau 2/4/55 advised that 0-17 (Error Form) received from Bureau 1/20/55 instructed that on page 2, paragraph 3, line 8, of referenced report, "1932" was being changed to "1942" and that New York Office should change its copies. Said New York letter pointed out that "1932" is correct date and that an amended page 2 was being submitted to clarify wording of paragraph 3.

Attachments

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Nichols

SOG Personnel Files:

SA Victor Carrelli

SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

SOG Personnel Files:

ASAC A. J. Marchessault

ASAC D. E. Moore

SAC J. J. Kelly

SA William Johnson

SA [redacted]

Section Chief F. J. Baumgardner

Inspector V. P. Keay

Assistant Dir. A. H. Belmont

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New York routing slip to Bureau 2/2/55 transmitted said amended page. Paragraph in question was changed therein to read:

"The records of T-2, another government agency that maintains personnel type records, reflect that [redacted] was married at Danbury, Connecticut, on May 3, 1941 to [redacted] and further reflected that [redacted] was the [redacted] and that he had contributed to the support of [redacted] since 1932. These records do not reflect the maiden name of [redacted] nor do they disclose the identity of [redacted]."

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GOVERNING INSTRUCTIONS: SAC Letter 54-23, 5/4/54, provides "In the future all errors to be corrected in reports after they have been forwarded to the Bureau must be submitted by cover letter containing an explanation for the error, together with two copies of any corrections to be made on reports previously disseminated." Section 4A 1 j, Manual of Rules and Regulations, provides, "Amended pages of reports are to be submitted to the Bureau by cover letter. The cover letter must contain an explanation for the error, recommendations for any administrative action, if necessary, together with two copies of the amended pages of reports."

EXPLANATIONS REQUESTED: Bureau letter 2/23/55, to New York, copy to Mr. Belmont, prepared in connection with a survey conducted by Inspector H. C. Van Pelt covering such errors, called attention to foregoing instructions and requested field and SOG explanations.

FIELD EXPLANATIONS: ASAC D. E. Moore, New York, telephonically informed Inspector Van Pelt 3/10/55 that: SA Carrelli explained his report of 6/19/53 was originally written to convey thought that subject "in 1942" had a daughter whom he had been supporting since 1932. When he proofread said report, it seemed to convey that idea. SA Carrelli now feels it could be misinterpreted, and should have been originally worded so there could be no doubt as to its meaning. He regrets it happened and will insure that his reports in future measure up to Bureau standards as to clarity and accuracy.

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ASAC Moore also informed Inspector Van Pelt that: Relief Supervisor [redacted] who approved Agent Carrelli's report 6/19/53, explained he thought its phraseology was clear at the time, but upon further review of said report, he now feels paragraph in question was not clearly expressed and could be misinterpreted.

ASAC Moore further informed Inspector Van Pelt 3/11/55 that: SA [] prepared New York's memorandum to Bureau 2/4/55 advising that "1932" is correct date for page 2, paragraph 3, line 8, of SA Carrelli's report and that amended page was being submitted. Said memorandum was approved by Supervisor []. Both SA [] and Supervisor Bennett stated they thought explanation that "1932 is the correct date" and that "New York is submitting amended page 2 to clarify the wording of page 2" was sufficient.

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New York letter 2/28/55 advised that (1) inasmuch as "1932" is the correct date, New York had not made change to "1942" in SA Carrelli's report, as instructed per O-17 Form received from Bureau 1/20/55; (2) paragraph was rewritten to clearly reflect that "1932" is the correct date so there could be no question about it; and (3) since there was no error involved in said report, no administrative action was recommended. Said letter was prepared by Supervisor [].

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ASAC Moore advised Inspector Van Pelt 3/11/55 that instant letter was approved by ASAC A. J. Marchessault, after conferring with him (ASAC Moore) and SAC J. J. Kelly. ASAC Moore explained that he and Supervisor [], ASAC Marchessault and SAC Kelly each felt at the time that sufficient explanation had been provided, but in their subsequent analysis of the matter they felt that further explanation should be furnished Bureau.*

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STATUS OF SOG FILE: Bureau file contains only 1 out of 5 copies of SA Carrelli's report designated for SOG, and Records Section has been unable to locate the 4 missing copies. File does not reflect any disposition of said 4 copies, including the original. The latter is the one usually bearing the time and routing stamps and initials reflecting handling and approval for filing. Because copies of subsequent investigative reports received show that copies of these latter reports were disseminated to the Immigration and Naturalization Service and to Records Administration Branch of the Department of Justice, it appears likely that copies of SA Carrelli's original report of 6/19/53 were similarly disseminated. SOG file does not reflect sending of afore-mentioned O-17 Form instructing New York to change date in question from "1932" to "1942." However, said change has been made in ink, uninitialed and undated, on file copy of SA Carrelli's report.

*This was also confirmed by ASAC Marchessault.

SOG EXPLANATIONS: Supervisor [redacted] Internal Security Section, advised (1) he has no independent recollection of approving SA Carrelli's report of 6/19/53, but feels he must have approved same for filing because it was he who approved New York's accompanying memorandum 6/19/53 recommending that subject be listed in Security Index; (2) he did not change the date on the file copy of said report; (3) he did not send the error form received New York 1/20/55, being on leave 1/4-24/55; (4) he approved New York's letter 2/4/55 indicating that "1932" is correct date and that amended page would be submitted; (5) he did not see New York's routing slip 2/2/55 which transmitted the amended page (said routing slip and amended page do not reflect receipt in Domestic Intelligence Division); and (6) he has no knowledge as to the missing copies of Agent Carrelli's report.

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Supervisor [redacted], Internal Security Section, advised (1) he handled some of Supervisor [redacted] work while the latter was on leave in January, 1955; (2) he recalled observing the questionable phraseology in Agent Carrelli's report and said that his change of the date from "1932" to "1942" seemed proper at the time because of the indication that subject was married 5/3/41; (3) he now recognizes he should have requested New York to clarify the matter instead of assuming that "1942" was the correct date and instructing New York to change its copies; (4) he feels that the original of SA Carrelli's report was in file at the time and that he made an endorsement on same to indicate that he sent the error form to New York; and (5) he has no knowledge as to the present whereabouts of the original and other copies of said report, other than the one in file and the two copies apparently disseminated.

Sup. J. W. Marshall of the Records Section advised that (1) a thorough search has been made to account for the original and other missing copy of SA Carrelli's report, but with negative results; (2) said search is continuing.*

CONCLUSION: That (1) SA Carrelli is derelict for not clearly describing Samuel Friedman's marital status in his report of 6/19/53; (2) Relief Supervisor [redacted], New York, should have detected and corrected same; (3) SOG Supervisor Johnson should have requested New York to clarify its reporting and to fix responsibility for the weaknesses therein; (4) SOG Supervisor [redacted] was in error in assuming "1932" was an incorrect date and changing same, but should have requested New York to clarify same and fix responsibility for the weaknesses; (5) SA [redacted] and Supervisor [redacted] both New York, are negligent for failure to follow existing instructions governing submission

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*Sect. Chief W. G. Eames and Sup. in Chge. F. W. Waikart confirmed same.

of amended pages; (6) Supervisor [redacted], ASACs Marchessault and D. E. Moore, and SAC Kelly, all New York, are negligent for advising Bureau 2/28/55 there was no error in SA Carrelli's report, in view of the fact it was necessary to completely rephrase the paragraph in question; and (7) It does not appear that responsibility for the missing copies of SA Carrelli's report can be definitely resolved at this time, because said copies were purportedly in file when SOG Supervisor [redacted] sent the error form received at New York 1/20/55; Records Section is continuing search.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) SA Victor Carrelli, New York....censure....for lack of clarity in his report 6/19/53.

(2) SA [redacted], New York....censure....for failure as Relief Supervisor to detect and correct lack of clarity in SA Carrelli's report 6/19/53.

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(3) SOG Supervisor [redacted] Internal Security Section....censure....for failure to detect and correct lack of clarity in report of SA Carrelli 6/19/53. (He feels he must have approved said report for filing because he approved New York's accompanying memorandum 6/19/53 recommending that subject be listed in Security Index.)

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(4) SOG Supervisor [redacted], Internal Security Sectioncensure....for erroneously assuming date of "1932" was inaccurate and changing Bureau copies and instructing New York to correct its copies, rather than requesting New York to clarify and fix responsibility.

(5) SA [redacted], New York....censure....
for failure to follow existing Bureau instructions governing
submission of amended pages in preparation of New York letter
2/4/55.

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(6) Supervisor [redacted], New York....censure....
for failure to see to it that existing Bureau instructions
governing submission of amended pages were followed when he
approved above New York letter 2/4/55.

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(7) Supervisor [redacted], New York....censure....
for failure to see to it that New York letter 2/28/55, which
he prepared, contained sufficient explanation and included
appropriate recommendations covering administrative action,
instead of advising Bureau that there was no error involved.

(8) ASAC A. J. Marchessault, New York....censure....
for his approval of above New York letter 2/28/55.

(9) ASAC D. E. Moore, New York....censure....for his
concurrence in the transmittal of above New York letter 2/28/55.

(10) SAC J. J. Kelly, New York....Recommendation being submitted separately covering his concurrence in the transmittal of above New York letter 2/28/55 and for ineffective functioning of New York Office in other matters involving failure to follow existing Bureau instructions governing submission of amended pages.

(11) Chief F. J. Baumgardner, Internal Security SectionRecommendation being submitted separately covering his responsibility for ineffective functioning of Internal Security Section in this and other related matters.

(12) Inspector V. P. Keay, Domestic Intelligence DivisionRecommendation being submitted separately covering his responsibility for ineffective functioning of Internal Security Section in this and other related matters.

(13) Assistant Director A. H. Belmont, Domestic Intelligence Division....No action....In view of his being recommended separately for censure for this and other similar matters.

(14) That Records Section vigorously continue search for missing copies of SA Carrelli's report 6/19/53.

PERMANENT BRIEFS OF SAs CARRELLI AND STEVENS, RELIEF SUPERVISOR WOODWORTH, SUPERVISORS BENNETT AND MILLER, ASACs MARCHESSAULT AND D. E. MOORE, SOG SUPERVISORS BAGLEY,* AND JOHNSON ARE ATTACHED HERETO.

*Permanent brief Supervisor Bagley forwarded to Director separately in connection with another personnel action matter.

Mr. Tolson

3/24/55

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SYNOPSIS

BACKGROUND: Philadelphia letter 1/10/55 to Bureau and Washington Field Office transmitted amended copies of pages 3, 11 and 20 of report of SA [redacted], Philadelphia, 12/31/54. These corrections involved following changes in phraseology:

Page 3 - From - [redacted] stated that both [redacted] definitely prefer to reside in the United States rather than in Russia."

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Page 11 - From - "She further stated that [redacted]

To - "She further stated that [redacted]

Page 20 - From - "....records of Confidential Informant T-1...."

To - "....records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Philadelphia...."

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Said letter contained no explanation covering foregoing errors. The letter was initialed by Supervisor [redacted] Espionage Section, Domestic Intelligence Division, and routed to Consolidation Unit of Records Section so that amended pages could be substituted in instant report.

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Attachments

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr

SOG Personnel Files:

Steno. [redacted]
SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]
SA Albert Rundbaken
SAC N. H. McCabe
SA [redacted]

SOG Personnel Files:

SA J. J. Meehan
SA S. B. Donahoe
SA D. E. Todd
Sect. Chief W. A. Branigan
Inspector C. E. Hennrich
Asst. Dir. A. H. Belmont
SA G. H. Scatterday

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Bureau letter 1/19/55 to Philadelphia and Washington Field Office, prepared by Supervisor [] transmitted amended copies of 5 pages of above report of SA []. These corrected pages deleted certain nonpertinent personal recriminatory statements from the report so that it could be disseminated. Said deleted material related principally to personal escapades of []

[]. No explanation was requested of Philadelphia regarding such reporting. Revised copies of the report, containing both of the above-mentioned sets of corrections, were disseminated 1/17/55 to State Department, Immigration and Naturalization Service and Records Administration Branch of Department of Justice.

GOVERNING INSTRUCTIONS: SAC Letter 54-23, 5/4/54, provides "In the future all errors to be corrected in reports after they have been forwarded to the Bureau must be submitted by cover letter containing an explanation for the error, together with two copies of any corrections to be made on reports previously disseminated." Section 4A 1 j, Manual of Rules and Regulations, provides, "Amended pages of reports are to be submitted to the Bureau by cover letter. The cover letter must contain an explanation for the error, recommendations for any administrative action, if necessary, together with two copies of the amended pages of reports."

EXPLANATIONS REQUESTED: Bureau letter 2/23/55 to Philadelphia, copy to Mr. Belmont, prepared in connection with a survey conducted by Inspector H. C. Van Pelt covering such errors, called attention to foregoing instructions and requested field and SOG explanations.

OTHER WEAKNESSES NOTED: Above Bureau letter 1/19/55, prepared by Supervisor [], also instructed Philadelphia to submit a separate report containing all pertinent information relating to []. Such action was requested in view of SA [] above-mentioned report

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[] Philadelphia was instructed to prepare [] under the dual character of Internal Security - R and Fraud Against Government. No request was made therein for Philadelphia to explain its failure to have

initially followed this procedure, as set forth in Section 87C, 3b, Manual of Instructions, which states that one of the primary purposes of security investigations is "The determination of the identities, whereabouts and activities of individuals who have or may be violating laws of the United States...." Said Bureau letter 1/19/55 prepared by Supervisor [] was approved by Supervisor in Charge J. J. Meehan, Section #1 Man S. B. Donahoe, by Supervisor [] for Assistant Director Belmont, by Mr. Scatterday for Assistant Director Boardman and by Assistant Director Mohr.

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FIELD EXPLANATIONS: Philadelphia air-tel 3/17/55 advised (1) SA [] is a Resident Agent and was not at Philadelphia headquarters to proofread his 12/31/54 report; (2) SA [] feels errors in pages 3 and 11 to be typographical; stenographic notes destroyed; Stenographer [] states it is unlikely that he would have transcribed several words not actually dictated; (3) said report was reviewed and approved by Supervisor [] who changed "Confidential Informant T-1" to "Immigration and Naturalization Service at Philadelphia" on page 5, feeling it undesirable to conceal I&NS as a source. Supervisor [] failed to similarly change page 20; (4) upon receiving copy of said report, SA [] noticed the errors in pages 3, 11 and 20. He prepared rough draft amended pages and rough drafted Philadelphia's letter of transmittal 1/10/55. He forwarded same to Philadelphia by routing slip indicating that corrections were necessary because of typographical errors and inconsistency of the designation of I&NS; and (5) Philadelphia letter 1/10/55 was approved by Relief Supervisor Albert Rundbaken who felt no explanations nor recommendation covering administrative action were necessary.

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Said Philadelphia air-tel pointed out that (1) Section 87C, Manual of Instructions, was expanded 1/14/55 through addition of paragraph 3c covering "Fraud Against Government Violations Detected During Security Investigations," after SAC Letter 54-74, issued 12/28/54 and received Philadelphia 12/30/54, reiterated and amplified prior instructions of paragraph 3b that the field be alert for information indicating violations of Federal statutes during the course of security investigations; (2) SA [] was not cognizant of provisions of said SAC Letter or new Section of Manual covering Fraud Against Government violations detected during security investigations at time of submission of instant report; (3) the false

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[] occurred in 1950, and may not be cognizable in the United States and may be barred by Statute of Limitations; and (4) both SA [] and Supervisor []

felt such data related more to possible basis for denial of citizenship and deportation than Fraud Against Government.

Above-mentioned Philadelphia air-tel also advised that (1) SA [] included in his report of 12/31/54 the information received concerning [], since it pertained to moral turpitude of an applicant for American citizenship; and (2) Supervisor [] did not delete same, feeling it would be of value to I&NS.

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SAC N. H. McCabe, Philadelphia, recommended (1) no administrative action concerning Stenographer [] (2) censure for SAs Price and Rundbaken for failure to follow existing Bureau instructions governing submission of amended pages; and (3) no action was recommended against Supervisor [] by SAC McCabe because the SAC felt the Supervisor's failure to change the T-1 designation for I&NS was not sufficiently serious.

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EXPLANATIONS OF ESPIONAGE SECTION: Supervisor [] explained he did not request explanations from Philadelphia and recommendations covering administrative action (1) upon receipt of the three amended pages transmitted per Philadelphia letter 1/10/55, because said errors were detected and corrected by Philadelphia and were not considered substantive to the investigative issues, (2) upon his detection of the nonpertinent recriminatory data furnished by subject against the latter's wife, and furnishing five corrected pages to Philadelphia per Bureau letter 1/19/55, because he considered this to be a matter of judgment as to what should be included in the report, and (3) for failure to open a separate case and submit a separate report covering possible fraud upon the part of subject's wife, feeling that the instructions contained in Bureau letter 1/19/55 to Philadelphia to open a separate case and submit a separate report covering the activities of subject's wife constituted supervisory guidance to assure more effective administration.

Supervisor in Charge Meehan and Section #1 Man Donahoe advised (1) they had thoroughly discussed instant case with Supervisor [] before Bureau letter to Philadelphia 1/19/55 was prepared, and (2) they felt the deletion of the nonpertinent recriminatory data and the instruction to open a separate file on subject's wife were matters of judgment rather than error upon the part of Philadelphia, and that they consequently did not instruct that explanations be obtained.

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Supervisor in Charge [] explained (1) he was temporarily working in Mr. Belmont's office 1/19/55 and approved Bureau letter of that date to Philadelphia for Mr. Belmont; (2) he observed that five amended pages were transmitted to Philadelphia deleting nonpertinent recriminatory statements and instructing that a separate case be opened on subject's wife; and (3) the report had not been disseminated prior to the corrections and he felt the Bureau's letter was more in the nature of supervisory guidance.

EXPLANATION OF MR. SCATTERDAY: He stated that (1) he had no knowledge of Philadelphia's letter 1/10/55 transmitting amended pages to the Bureau; (2) he approved Bureau letter 1/19/55 to Philadelphia feeling that the deletion of personal recriminatory data involved a matter of opinion and did not constitute error by Philadelphia; (3) he considered the instruction to Philadelphia to open a separate case on subject's wife constituted supervisory guidance and did not require explanation from Philadelphia; and (4) he routed the Bureau letter 1/19/55 to Assistant Director Mohr for approval solely because said letter also granted authority to Philadelphia to utilize the services of a Ukrainian-speaking Agent of the Washington Field Office to assist in conducting interviews in the Philadelphia territory.

CONCLUSION: (1) That SA [] report 12/31/54 was inaccurate and improperly included data not pertinent to instant investigation, which should have been set forth in a separate report on subject's wife; (2) responsibility for the inaccuracies cannot be definitely resolved in view of the destruction of the stenographic notes and the conflicts in the explanations of Stenographer [] and Agent []; (3) SA [] was derelict through including in instant report material which was not pertinent to said investigation and should have called Bureau's attention to same separately; (4) Supervisor [] was at fault for not changing T-1 to I&NS on page 20 as he did on page 5, for failure to delete the material not pertinent to instant investigation and for not calling Bureau's attention to same separately; (5) SA [] failed to follow existing Bureau instructions in the preparation of his rough draft of Philadelphia letter 1/10/55 transmitting amended pages to the Bureau; (6) Relief Supervisor Rundbaken was negligent for not seeing to it that said Philadelphia letter to Bureau 1/10/55 contained required explanations; (7) SOG Supervisor [] should have instructed Philadelphia in Bureau letter 1/19/55 to submit

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explanations and recommendations covering administrative action for the inaccuracies in SA [] report, Philadelphia's failure to follow existing Bureau instructions governing the submission of amended pages, the improper inclusion in Agent Price's report of material not pertinent to said investigation and Philadelphia's failure to bring same to the Bureau's attention separately; (8) Supervisor in Charge Meehan, Section #1 Man Donahoe, Supervisor in Charge [] and Mr. Scatterday should have seen to it that appropriate explanations and recommendations were requested of Philadelphia; and (9) Assistant Director Mohr's review of said Bureau letter to Philadelphia was solely for the purpose of concurring in the authorization granted Philadelphia to use the services of a Ukrainian-speaking Agent from the Washington Field Office for interviews in the Philadelphia territory; it does not appear that Mr. Mohr should be considered responsible for the above-indicated weaknesses in the reporting by Philadelphia.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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(1) Stenographer [], Philadelphia....
No action....In view of impossibility of clearly fixing reporting inaccuracies as due to erroneous transcription.

(2) SA [], Philadelphia....censure....for
(a) including in his report of 12/31/54 material not pertinent to instant investigation; (b) not calling same to Bureau's attention by separate communication; and (c) failure to follow existing Bureau instructions governing the submission of amended pages in the preparation of his rough draft of Philadelphia letter 1/10/55.

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(3) Supervisor []....censure....for
(a) failure to be consistent in the changing of "Confidential Informant T-1" to "Immigration and Naturalization Service at Philadelphia," having made such change on page 5 of SA [] report but not on page 20; (b) failure to delete from said report

material not pertinent to instant investigation; and (c) not calling Bureau's attention to same separately.

(4) Relief Supervisor Albert Rundbaken, Philadelphiacensure....for failure to see to it that existing Bureau instructions governing submission of amended pages were followed when he approved Philadelphia letter 1/10/55 to Bureau.

(5) SAC N. H. McCabe, Philadelphia....censure....for ineffective operation of personnel under his over-all supervision.

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(6) Supervisor [] Espionage Section....censure....for failure to have instructed Philadelphia in Bureau letter 1/19/55 to submit explanations and recommendations covering administrative action re (a) inaccuracies in SA [] report 12/31/54; (b) Philadelphia's failure to follow existing Bureau instructions governing submission of amended pages; and (c) improper inclusion in Agent [] report of material not pertinent to said investigation and Philadelphia's failure to bring same to Bureau's attention separately.

(7) Supervisor in Charge J. J. Meehan, European Unit, Espionage Section....censure....for his approval of above-mentioned Bureau letter 1/19/55 to Philadelphia without seeing to it that said explanations and recommendations covering administrative action were requested.

(8) Section #1 Man S. B. Donahoe, Espionage Section....
censure....for his approval of above-mentioned Bureau letter
1/19/55 to Philadelphia without seeing to it that said
explanations and recommendations covering administrative action
were requested.

(9) Chief W. A. Branigan, Espionage Section....
Recommendation being submitted separately covering this and other
related matters.

(10) Inspector C. E. Hennrich, Domestic Intelligence
Division....Recommendation being submitted separately covering
this and other related matters.

(11) Assistant Director A. H. Belmont, Domestic
Intelligence Division....No action....In view of his being
previously censured for this and other similar matters.

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(12) Supervisor in Charge [] Atomic Energy
and Scientists Unit, Espionage Section....censure....for
approving above-mentioned Bureau letter to Philadelphia
1/19/55 for Mr. Belmont without seeing to it that explanations
and recommendations covering administrative action were
requested.

(13) SA G. H. Scatterday, Assistant to Mr. Boardman....
censure....for approving above-mentioned Bureau letter to
Philadelphia 1/19/55 for Mr. Boardman without seeing to it
that explanations and recommendations covering administrative
action were requested.

PERMANENT BRIEFS OF STENOGRAPHER MURRAY, SA PRICE, SUPERVISOR
HARZENSTEIN, RELIEF SUPERVISOR RUNDBAKEN AND SAC MC CABE,
ALL PHILADELPHIA, AND SOG SUPERVISORS IN CHARGE MEEHAN AND
TODD, SECTION #1 MAN DONAHOE AND MR. SCATTERDAY ARE ATTACHED
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FORWARDED DIRECTOR SEPARATELY CONCERNING ANOTHER PERSONNEL
ACTION MATTER.

March 10, 1955

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Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Belmont:

I have very carefully considered the results of a survey recently conducted by the Training and Inspection Division into the handling by the Domestic Intelligence Division of changes made in investigative reports previously submitted to the Bureau. I have noted that personnel under your supervision have not been following existing instructions and insisting upon amended pages of reports being submitted by cover memoranda with explanations of personnel responsible and recommendations of the Special Agents in Charge as to any necessary administrative action. You have advised that the Domestic Intelligence Division complied with these instructions only if the substance of the case was affected and the errors were serious enough to require administrative action notwithstanding the fact that I never authorized any such exceptions.

I want you to realize I am serious in my determination to put an end to the errors occurring both in the field and at the Seat of Government. I shall further insist that personnel under your supervision carry out my instructions in this regard so that there will be no further reason for me to call your attention to such a matter.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover

Director

CC: Mr. Boardman (Personal Attention)
Let based on memo from R. T. Harbo to Mr. Tolson dated 3/3/55
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Mr. Tolson

Mr. Harbo



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SYNOPSIS

BACKGROUND: Milwaukee letter 2/11/55, to Bureau, Chicago, New York and Washington Field Office transmitted corrected copies of page 1 of report of SA [redacted] Milwaukee 1/20/55. Said report originally set forth the title as above and stated in the first paragraph of the details "the 1954 Milwaukee City Directory reflects one

[redacted] and is employed by the [redacted]" Bureau letter to Milwaukee 1/31/55, prepared by Supervisor Edwin R. Tully, Espionage Section, Domestic Intelligence Division, called attention to foregoing reference to [redacted] and instructed that said name be included in the title of the next report. No request for explanation was contained in said Bureau letter. Milwaukee's referenced letter 2/11/55, advised said name should have been reported as [redacted] and transmitted amended page. No explanation for the error was submitted. Latter communication was received in Espionage Section 2/15/55, was initialed by Supervisor Tully and was routed to Consolidation Unit of Records Section so that the amended page could be substituted. The original report had not been disseminated.

GOVERNING INSTRUCTIONS: SAC Letter 54-23, 5/4/54, provides: "In the future all errors to be corrected in reports after they have been forwarded to the Bureau must be submitted by cover letter containing an explanation for the error, together with two

Attachments

cc - Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr

cc - SOG Personnel Files:

SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]
SAC J. B. Poster
SA E. R. Tully
Section Chief W. A. Branigan
Inspector C. E. Hennrich
Assistant Director A. H. Belmont
SOG Files - Milwaukee Division
Domestic Intelligence Division

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copies of any corrections to be made on reports previously disseminated." Section 4A 1 j, Manual of Rules and Regulations, provides, "Amended pages of reports are to be submitted to the Bureau by cover letter. The cover letter must contain an explanation for the error, recommendations for any administrative action, if necessary, together with two copies of the amended pages of reports."

EXPLANATIONS REQUESTED: Bureau letter 2/23/55, to Milwaukee, copy to Mr. Belmont, prepared in connection with a survey conducted by Inspector H. C. Van Pelt covering such errors, called attention to foregoing instructions and requested field and SOG explanations.

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EXPLANATIONS RECEIVED: SA [] advised (1) he submitted his report by rough draft in which he inadvertently substituted the name [] for [] in referring to [] (2) he was not available to proofread the finished report; and (3) he submitted the corrected page to the Bureau by Milwaukee letter 2/11/55, which he approved while functioning as Relief Supervisor, without including explanation for the error because it was his impression that the instructions contained in above SAC Letter did not apply to such matters.

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Relief Supervisor [] Milwaukee advised he approved above report of SA [] but failed to detect the erroneous reference to [] as []. SAC J. B. Poster advised he impressed the seriousness of foregoing errors upon both SAs [] and [], that they sincerely regretted same and displayed excellent attitudes. SAC Poster recommended no administrative action be taken.

SOG Supervisor Tully advised he felt that due to no dissemination of the report being involved, the error was relatively minor and warranted no additional correspondence. He said he recognized Milwaukee had not submitted recommendations regarding administrative action, but that Milwaukee was fully cognizant of the error.

Chief W. A. Branigan, Espionage Section advised that explanation should have been submitted by Milwaukee but recommended no administrative action against Supervisor Tully be taken. Mr. Belmont concurred.

CONCLUSION:

Although the investigation does not appear to be jeopardized, the errors have caused additional expense and unnecessary correspondence.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. SA [] Milwaukee . . . recommendation being submitted separately covering this and another similar matter.

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2. SA [] Milwaukee . . . censure . . . for failure to detect and correct erroneous reference to William Caldwell as Earl Caldwell in Agent [] report.

3. SAC J. B. Poster, Milwaukee . . . recommendation being submitted separately covering his over-all responsibility in this and another similar matter.

4. SA Edwin R. Tully, Espionage Section . . . censure . . . for failure to request explanations from Milwaukee.

5. Chief W. A. Branigan, Espionage Section . . . recommendation being submitted separately covering this and other similar matters.

(6) Inspector C. E. Hennrich, Domestic Intelligence Division . . . recommendation being submitted separately covering this and other similar matters.

(7) Assistant Director A. H. Belmont, Domestic Intelligence Division . . . no action . . . in view of his being previously recommended for censure for this and other similar matters.

Permanent briefs of SAs [] and Tully and ~~SAC Poster~~ are attached hereto.

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DETAILS

Not repeated herein in view of being fully covered in synopsis and in the investigative file.

March 10, 1955

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Belmont:

I want to take this means of expressing my displeasure with the ineffective functioning and delay which occurred in the Domestic Intelligence Division in connection with the handling of a letter dated January 24, 1955, from the Assistant Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. I have noted that this letter was received in the Domestic Intelligence Division on February 4, 1955, and was not handled to completion until February 18, 1955, and there appears to be no justification for the delay which occurred.

Moreover, I am concerned with the incomplete explanation which you furnished to Mr. Boardman in your memorandum of March 1, 1955, wherein you pointed out that the proposed letter to all Special Agents in Charge based on the Assistant Commissioner's letter was first received in your office on February 16, 1955, and you did not mention that the incoming document was first received in your division on February 4, 1955.

I want to impress upon you and your subordinates the absolute necessity for the prompt and efficient handling of matters of this nature. I shall expect you to insure that in the future personnel under your supervision carry out their assignments more efficiently so that there will be no further such instances of delay on their part.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CC - Mr. Boardman (Personal Attention)

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This letter of censure is based on a memorandum from Mr. Harbo to Mr. Tolson dated 3-3-55 captioned "Immigration and Naturalization Service - Reorganization" EDM:DMG.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : MR. R. T. HARBO

DATE: 3/3/55

SUBJECT: IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
SERVICE - REORGANIZATION

Tolson ☒
Boardman ☒
Nichols ☒
Belmont ☒
Clegg ☒
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Harbo ☒
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Parsons ☒
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Tamm ☒
Trotter ☒
Wintrow ☒
Tele. Room ☒
Holloman ☒
Gandy ☒

BACKGROUND

Letter from Assistant Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, dated 1/24/55, received at the Bureau 2/4/55; received Liaison Section 10:19 a.m., 2/4/55; received Internal Security Section, Domestic Intelligence Division, 12 noon, 2/4/55. Memorandum of 2/16/55 from Belmont to Boardman, to which was attached a proposed SAC Letter, received in Director's Office 2/28/55. Director stated he would like to know why it took two weeks to get this matter through.

FINDINGS

1. Incoming of 1/24/55, received Internal Security Section 12 noon, 2/4/55; Supervisor T. D. Rushing of Internal Security Section claims he received it 2/7/55; reported it as delinquent 2/9/55; dictated on it 2/10/55; Rushing claims he could not dictate on this matter until 2/10/55, because of the press of other matters, general duties of his desk; typed 2/14/55 and revised same date per instructions of Messrs. V. P. Keay and L. V. Boardman; retyped 2/16/55 and received by Mr. A. H. Belmont at 11:51 a.m. that date; forwarded to Boardman and received by him 9:26 a.m., 2/17/55.

2. The memorandum was returned by Boardman for deletion of a paragraph and received by Belmont 9:18 a.m., 2/18/55; corrected and returned to Belmont by 5 p.m. same date; received in Mr. Boardman's office 9:25 a.m. the next morning which was Monday, 2/21/55.

3. In accordance with existing procedures Boardman routed the memorandum and proposed SAC Letter to the Training and Inspection Division where it was received at 3:35 p.m. on George Washington's birthday, 2/22/55; Mason read it that afternoon and stated that under the proposed procedure the FBI cannot get access to certain files of Immigration and Naturalization Service located at the New York Center where such files are maintained. The proposed procedure

cc-Messrs. L. V. Boardman
A. H. Belmont
J. P. Mohr

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would require the Records Center to forward the Immigration and Naturalization Service file to the District Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service to be ultimately made available to the FBI. Mason checked with Mr. Rosen and pointed out that there is the possibility of serious delay in connection with the Applicant or Security of Government Employees Programs. For example, if the Mobile Office of the FBI has need for one of the named files it would have to communicate with the Miami FBI Office which, in turn, would consult the District Immigration and Naturalization Service office in Miami and Immigration and Naturalization Service would communicate with the Records Center in a distant state retaining the file and ask that the file be mailed to Immigration and Naturalization Service in Miami so that, in turn, Immigration and Naturalization Service in Miami could make the information in the file available to the FBI in Miami. It was not clear how widespread this procedure might be or how many files would be involved. Consequently, Mason on 2/22/55, routed the SAC Letter to SA Alvin Glenwood Gilliland with instructions to see him; Gilliland saw Mason the next workday, 2/23/55 and Mason instructed that this situation be brought to Belmont's attention to make certain that the procedure would not jeopardize our deadline Applicant-type cases.

4. SA Alvin Glenwood Gilliland of the Training and Inspection Division endeavored to contact Belmont on 2/23/55, but inasmuch as Belmont was in conference, Gilliland left word with Mr. Belmont's office to be called; at 6:25 p.m. Belmont not yet having called, Gilliland cancelled the call. In this regard we feel that Gilliland showed a lack of aggressiveness in that he should have presented his question to Inspector Keay or another representative of the Domestic Intelligence Division during the period of Belmont's unavailability.

5. On 2/24/55, Gilliland was on sick leave, but telephoned SA Dwight J. Dalbey of the Training and Inspection Division and requested that Dalbey handle the SAC Letter with Belmont; Dalbey agreed that he would; Dalbey had just taken over new duties the previous day in the Training and Inspection Division and the handling of SAC Letters was one of those duties. Dalbey took no action as to the SAC Letter on 2/24 and 25/55 (Gilliland was on sick leave both days), claiming press of other duties. On Gilliland's return to work the next workday, Monday, 2/28/55, he found the SAC Letter, brought it to Mason's attention and immediately clarified the situation; found out that the files referred to relate mostly to dead people, and the SAC Letter was received in Mr. Tolson's office at 3:25 p.m. the same day, 2/28/55.

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

There is positively no excuse for Dalbey's failing to take action in this matter when he had stated that he would.

6. A procedure designed to prevent such a situation exists in the Training and Inspection Division in that Mrs. [redacted] [redacted], Grade GS-9, is required to submit a written report each evening as to any unsigned SAC Letter on hand in the Division. There are clear instructions that unsigned SAC Letters are not to be retained in this Division at the end of any workday; her reports for Wednesday through Friday, 2/23 - 25/55, claimed no unsigned SAC Letters were on hand; her check was inaccurate and inadequate. Mason severely criticized Mrs. [redacted]. Steps have been taken to make certain that her checks will be thorough in the future. b6

CONCLUSIONS

This is shocking - practically 2 weeks to process it in Belmont's Div.
It took from 2/4/55 until 2/16/55 to get this matter out of the Domestic Intelligence Division initially; the necessity for changes involved additional time up to 2/18/55 in the Domestic Intelligence Division; such a time lag is excessive. It took from 3:35 p.m., Tuesday, 2/22/55 until Monday, the morning of 2/28/55, to get this matter out of the Training and Inspection Division and there were serious failures on the part of Mrs. [redacted] and Special Agents Alvin Glenwood Gilliland and Dwight J. Dalbey; this amount of time is excessive and unreasonable. *Training Div.* b6

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Mrs. [redacted], Grade GS-9, Training and Inspection Division..... CENSURE.
(For the inadequacy and inaccuracy of her nightly reports of 2/23, 24 and 25/55, wherein she was required to list any unsigned SAC Letters on hand, but did not detect this pertinent one.)

2. Supervisor Alvin Glenwood Gilliland, Training and Inspection Division..... CENSURE.
(For his failure to resolve fully the questionable SAC Letter on 2/23/55, by presenting his problem to another representative of the Domestic Intelligence Division during the unavailability of Mr. Belmont.)

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

3. SA Dwight J. Dalbey, Training and Inspection Division..... CENSURE.
(For his failure to take action on the SAC Letter on 2/24 or 2/25/55, as he had promised to do; for his failure to bring to the attention of his immediate Supervisor, E. D. Mason, the fact that the SAC Letter had not been acted on.)

4. Inspector E. D. Mason, Training and Inspection Division..... CENSURE.
(Has primary responsibility for the effective functioning of the Inspection and Planning Section, Training and Inspection Division, to which Mrs. [redacted], Special Agents Alvin Glenwood Gilliland and Dwight J. Dalbey are assigned.)

5. SA T. D. Rushing, Domestic Intelligence Division..... CENSURE.
(For the delay in initially handling the proposed SAC Letter in the Domestic Intelligence Division.)

6. Inspector V. P. Keay, Domestic Intelligence Division..... CENSURE.
(Proposed SAC Letter was handled in the Internal Security Section, which is under the general supervision of Keay and Rushing was dealing directly with Keay in this matter, thus skipping the Section Chief.)

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

7. Rolf T. Harbo, Training and Inspection Division..... NO ACTION.
(Mr. Harbo was out of town during the pertinent period; knew nothing of this situation; had a right to rely on Mason to assure the effective operation of the Division.)

8. A. H. Belmont, Domestic Intelligence Division..... CENSURE.
(For the ineffective functioning and delay in the Domestic Intelligence Division; for the incomplete explanation which Belmont furnished to Mr. Boardman in his memorandum of 3/1/55, endeavoring to explain the delay in this situation, in which memorandum Belmont points out that the proposed SAC Letter was received in Belmont's office on 2/16/55 (and there is no mention of the fact that the incoming document was first received in Belmont's division on 2/4/55); Belmont concluded in his memorandum of 3/1/55 that the delay in handling this matter did not occur in the Domestic Intelligence Division, an erroneous conclusion in that there was delay in his division as well as elsewhere.)

PERMANENT BRIEFS OF MRS. [REDACTED], SA ALVIN GLENWOOD GILLILAND, SA DWIGHT J. DALBEY AND SA T. D. RUSHING ARE ATTACHED

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REPORT OF PERFORMANCE RATING

Name of Employee: ALAN H. BELMONT

Where Assigned: Domestic Intelligence Division
(Division) (Section, Unit)

Payroll Title: Assistant Director

Rating Period: from April 1, 1954 to March 31, 1955

ADJECTIVE RATING: SATISFACTORY
Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

Employee's
Initials

Rated by: Ceyde A. Tolson Associate Director 3/31/55
Signature Title Date

Reviewed by: [Signature] Assistant Director APR 8 1955
Signature Title Date

Rating approved by: [Signature] Assistant Director APR 8 1955
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BOARDMAN *MB*

DATE: April 25, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *4-27-55*SUBJECT: BUREAU'S SECURITY PROGRAMS *Clatter Campbell*

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In accordance with the Director's instructions I plan to hold conferences in the Detroit and Cleveland Offices on the 26th and 27th of April, respectively. I plan to depart Washington on Monday evening, April 25, and will hold a conference in the Detroit Office on Tuesday, April 26, and a conference in the Cleveland Office on Wednesday, April 27. Thereafter, I plan to return to Washington the evening of April 27.

CC - Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Holloman
 Movement Section
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April 1, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTORThe following Special Agents in Charge are presently on probation:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAST INSPECTION</u>	<u>DATE OF LAST RECHECK</u>	<u>REASON</u>
F.E. Crosby	Phoenix	10-20-54	4-1-54	_____	In view of all the delinquencies found during the inspection of the San Juan Office dated 10-12-54.
E.A. Soucy	Albany	12-10-54 Continued	11-10-54 3-24-55	3-8-55	Because of weaknesses reported as result of inspection of 11-10-54. Continued 3-24-55 because of the number & seriousness of the weaknesses found during the recheck inspection.
J.A. Roche	Buffalo	1-24-55 Continued	1-14-55 3-11-55	2-26-55	In view of the delinquencies found during the inspection of 1-14-55. Continued 3-11-55 because of weaknesses still existing in office.
F. Hallford	Pittsburgh	3-10-55	12-17-53	_____	Because of his lack of thoroughness in the supervision of the Selective Service Act, 1948 - Conscientious Objector investigation involving William Frederick Kopf.

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SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (INCLUDING SECTION CHIEFS) ON PROBATION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
L.V. Boardman	Assistant to the Director	2-23-55	Because of lack of analysis and foresight manifested by him and his subordinates in the Domestic Intelligence Division in making changes in investigative reports in which former confidential informant Harvey Matusow had furnished information.
A. H. Belmont	Assistant Director Domestic Intelligence Division	2-23-55	Because of lack of analysis and foresight manifested by him in making changes in investigative reports in which former confidential informant Harvey Matusow had furnished information.
V.P. Keay	Inspector in Charge (Internal Security Liaison Section) - Domestic Intelligence Division	2-23-55	Because of lack of analysis and foresight manifested by him in making changes in investigative reports in which former confidential informant Harvey Matusow had furnished information.
F.J. Baumgardner	Chief, Internal Security Section Domestic Intelligence Division	2-23-55	Because of lack of analysis and foresight manifested by him in making changes in investigative reports in which former confidential informant Harvey Matusow had furnished information.

Respectfully,

J. P. Mohr

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ALAN H. BELMONT

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BOARDMAN *LMB*DATE: April 21, 1955 *JB*FROM : A. H. BELMONT *JB*

SUBJECT: BUREAU'S SECURITY PROGRAMS

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Domestic Security

The Director desires that I visit the ~~Boston~~, ~~Newark~~, ~~Philadelphia~~, ~~Cleveland~~, ~~Detroit~~ and ~~Baltimore~~ Offices to discuss the Bureau's security programs with the Security Agents assigned to those offices.

If it is agreeable, I will handle two of these offices each week for the next three weeks. It takes one day per office due to the travel necessary and discussions with the SAC and Supervisors on pending security problems in the office.

In order that I will be away from my office only two days, I plan to leave Washington on Monday evening of each week, handling one office on Tuesday and the next on Wednesday, and being back in my office on Thursday morning of each week.

I plan to handle Detroit and Cleveland next week; Boston and Newark the following week; and then Philadelphia and Baltimore. If this is agreeable, I will proceed as indicated.

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CC - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Crime Records
Movement Section
Mr. Holloman

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BOARDMAN

DATE: April 14, 1955

FROM : C. E. HENRICH

SUBJECT: CONTACT WITH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR BELMONT

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Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
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Mr. Belmont called in from San Francisco this afternoon and we discussed various matters pending in the Division. He informed me that the conferences are going along well. As you know, he has held conferences in Chicago, Seattle and San Francisco, and on April 15, 1955, will be in Los Angeles. Mr. Belmont will return to Washington on Sunday, April 17.

ACTION:

For your information.

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CC - Mr. Boardman
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. Holloman
Movement Section

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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N. H. McCabe	Philadelphia	3-30-55	3-18-55	_____	Because of the numerous serious delinquencies found during the inspection.
C. Doyle	San Juan	4-7-55	10-12-54	3-24-55	In view of the weaknesses found existing in the San Juan Office during the recheck inspection of 3-24-55.

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SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (INCLUDING SECTION CHIEFS) ON PROBATION

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Respectfully,

J. P. Mohr

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Mr. James J. Kelly
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

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Dear Mr. Kelly:

I was pleased to receive your letter of March 25, 1955, concerning Assistant Director Alan M. Belmont's discussion of current problems facing the Bureau.

It is certainly gratifying to know that Mr. Belmont's remarks were so well received and that the New York Office is determined to aid the Bureau in any possible way in meeting and overcoming the challenge these matters present.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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ON 9-26-91

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On behalf of the Agents and supervisory personnel of the New York office, I wish to express our appreciation for the opportunity of having heard Assistant Director Alan H. Belmont discuss the current problems facing the Bureau. Mr. Belmont's presentation was carefully planned and clearly expounded.

I believe his efforts have done much to bring home to all who heard him the gravity of our problems and the absolute necessity of taking appropriate measures to surmount them. I feel that your decision to send Mr. Belmont to New York has enabled the Agent personnel to more fully realize and appreciate the diverse and complex matters confronting the Bureau today. You may be certain that the New York office is determined to do everything in its power to assist the Bureau in meeting and overcoming the challenge these matters present.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of \$10, payable to the Assistant Director, Administrative Division, FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for a continuous period of two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Assistant Director of the Administrative Division of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Assistant Director of the Administrative Division, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The liability of the fund shall not under any circumstances exceed the amount of monies in the fund at the time any liability shall occur. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Loretta D. Belmont Relationship Wife Date 5/4/55

Address 2711 North Yucatan Street, Arlington, Virginia

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in the line of duty.

Name Loretta D. Belmont Relationship Wife Date 5/4/55

Address 2711 North Yucatan Street, Arlington, Virginia

Very truly yours,

Robert H. Belmont
Special Agent
Assistant Director

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Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Belmont:

I am greatly concerned with the failure of the Domestic Intelligence Division to effectively supervise the Office of the Legal Attache in Mexico and the Mexican Border Coverage Program. It is obvious that you and employees under your supervision have allowed the Legal Attache's Office to operate to suit itself and have permitted this important program to deteriorate. I want you to know that I am highly displeased with the completely lethargic attitude of the Domestic Intelligence Division in regard to this matter.

I shall expect you as Assistant Director in charge of the Domestic Intelligence Division to take immediate steps to insure the aggressive and efficient supervision of such important matters.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 4-20-55

FROM : H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: MEXICAN BORDER COVERAGE

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In connection with a memo from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman 4-13-55, the Director expressed his extreme displeasure with the lack of aggressive supervision at the Seat of Government of the Mexican Border Coverage Program and the Bureau Office in Mexico City. The Director commented, "I can't too strongly stress my displeasure with the completely lethargic attitude of the Dom. Int. Div. which obviously has allowed this whole program to go to seed. Just who has been in charge of it?"

The attached memo 4-18-55 from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman pointed out that the administrative aspects of the program have been supervised since its inception in the Liaison Section in connection with the Foreign Liaison Program. Inspector V. P. Keay was in charge of the Liaison Section until June, 1954, when SA R. R. Roach became Chief of the Section. SA Nathan L. Ferris has been supervisor in charge of the Foreign Liaison Desk since December, 1948. Mr. Belmont and Inspector Keay have maintained over-all supervision of the entire Mexican Border Coverage Program.

A Border Coverage Conference to speed up the program was held in January, 1955, and the Director instructed that the second Border Coverage Conference be held not later than June 1, 1955. The Domestic Intelligence Division has now advised that the second conference has been tentatively scheduled for May 23, 24, and 25, 1955.

Mr. Belmont's memo of 4-13-55 indicated it was not possible at the Seat of Government to estimate with relative accuracy the state of security work in Mexico and that statistics which would reflect current information about American Communists in Mexico are not kept. The Director indicated that the Domestic Intelligence Division did not have this information since the Mexico City Office had been allowed to operate on its own. The Domestic Intelligence Division has now advised in connection with the submission of statistics relative to security subjects, all foreign offices have been instructed to submit such statistics relative to American Security Index subjects and American Espionage Subjects under investigation in their countries in conjunction with the regular semiannual accomplishment reports.

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offices have been instructed to submit immediately statistics in this regard as of 4-15-55.

Mr. Belmont's memo of 4-13-55 pointed out that the Legal Attache in Mexico should extend his security coverage particularly in the northern part of the country near the border. The Director inquired as to why the Domestic Intelligence Division had not taken action to effect this. The Domestic Intelligence Division now advises that a Resident Agency was established in 1951 in Monterrey, 150 miles south of the border and two agents are assigned to this Resident Agency. Arrangements were subsequently made to have the Senior Resident Agent confer with representatives of the San Antonio Office to coordinate activities along the border. In 1952, a Resident Agency was established at Guaymas in the northwestern part of Mexico. This Resident Agency was closed when the Consulate at Guaymas was eliminated by the State Department and a Resident Agency was then established at Guadalajara. A west coast road trip from this Resident Agency handles criminal and security work up to the border area and covers Bureau subjects who arrive in Mexico by the west coast highway.

The Domestic Intelligence Division also pointed out that on 2-8-55, the Legal Attache was instructed to transfer an informant to Nuevo Laredo from Mexico City if a suitable one could be found, or to ascertain the identity of an individual in Nuevo Laredo who would serve as a suitable informant. This matter was followed on 3-16-55. The Legal Attache has been instructed to draw up concrete plans for the further extension of his security coverage in northern Mexico.

Mr. Boardman recommended censure for himself, Mr. Belmont, Inspector Leay, and SA Beach and censure and probation for SA Ferris for their ineffective supervision of the Mexican Border Coverage Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION:

In view of the lack of aggressive supervision afforded the Mexican Border Coverage Program and the Mexico City Office by the Domestic Intelligence Division, it is recommended:

1. That SA Nathan L. Ferris, Supervisor of the Foreign Liaison Desk, be censured.

*Recommend censure
and probation*

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2. That SA R. R. Roach, Chief of the Liaison Section since June, 1954, be censured.

Agree ✓
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Agree ✓
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Yes.

3. That Inspector V. P. Key who was in charge of the Liaison Section until June, 1954, and who has since continued to maintain overall supervision of the Mexican Border Coverage Program be censured.
KEY IS ON PROBATION.

Agree ✓
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Yes.

4. That Mr. Belmont be censured for his failure to see to it that this program was aggressively supervised by the Domestic Intelligence Division. **BELMONT IS ON PROBATION.**

Agree ✓
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Agree ✓
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Yes.

5. That Mr. Boardman be censured for his failure to insure that the Domestic Intelligence Division was aggressively supervising the Mexican Border Coverage Program. **BOARDMAN IS ON PROBATION.**

Agree ✓
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Agree ✓
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Yes.

PERMANENT BRIEFS OF THE PERSONNEL FILES OF INSPECTOR KEY, SA ROACH AND BOARDMAN ARE ATTACHED.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

May 12, 1955

FROM : L. V. Boardman

SUBJECT: SPECIAL AGENT NATHAN L. FERRIS
 Supervisor in Charge
 FOREIGN LIAISON UNIT,
 Liaison Section,
 Domestic Intelligence Division
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A. H. Belmont

With reference to the delay in the submission of an analysis of the effectiveness of the work of Supervisor Ferris, the Director commented, "I asked for this at least a week ago. Why is it that it has taken so long?"

I received a memorandum dated 5/5/55, authored by Section Chief Roach, which purported to be an analysis of Ferris' work. In my opinion the analysis was inadequate, because it was merely an appraisal of the effectiveness of his work and did not reflect that an actual analytical review of his performance had been made. I discussed this inadequacy with Belmont on 5/5/55 and returned it with specific instructions that his work actually be reviewed.

I next received a memorandum dated 5/9/55, prepared by Inspector Keay, which reflected the results of an examination of the files and projects handled by Ferris. It was Keay's conclusion that Ferris should remain on this desk for a 60-day probationary period, at the end of which time a reanalysis should be made of his work to see whether he had exhibited the aggressiveness needed to make the Mexican Border Coverage Program effective. On the basis of the information available to me I felt Ferris should be removed, and requested further consideration by Inspector Keay.

I received the attached memorandum dated 5/12/55 from Belmont which recommended the removal of Ferris from the Foreign Liaison desk and his transfer to the Espionage Section. This recommendation did not make sense to me because, if it was concluded that he should be removed from the Foreign Liaison desk, it was not logical to have his function as a supervisor in the Espionage Section. I asked Belmont whether he or Keay had interviewed Ferris and pinpointed to Ferris his shortcomings, which caused the recommendation for removal. Ferris had not been interviewed.

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I had a very frank discussion with Ferris, from approximately 7:30 until 10:30 p.m., 5/12/55. Several points were developed during this discussion, which are briefly summarized hereinafter.

Approximately 6 months after the Mexican Border Coverage Program was instituted, Ferris became supervisor of the Foreign Liaison desk, one of the duties of which was this program. Ferris points out that the Mexican Border Coverage Program was instituted with a high degree of secrecy because of lack of FBI jurisdiction to develop informant coverage in Mexico, this being within the

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Initially, only one agent per border office was assigned to this program. In 1949 the San Diego Office was authorized to assign one additional agent, and in 1951 additional agents were authorized for assignment in the San Antonio Office because of the length of the Mexican border and the obvious need for greater coverage.

Ferris admits lack of foresight and planning in not recommending removal of some of the secrecy "wraps" from this program to permit rectifying admitted insufficiency of coverage. I am compelled to conclude, after discussion with Ferris, that this blame should also be borne by Keay and Belmont.

Upon questioning Ferris as to whether he recognized the inadequacy of the coverage and made any effort to correct these inadequacies, Ferris pointed out that he had written numerous letters to the field pointing out their inadequacies. I told Ferris this was obviously ineffective paper supervision, and inquired whether he had ever recommended any administrative action because of these shortcomings. He stated he had not. He pointed out, however, that each time a border office SAC came to the seat of government for conference, he prepared a memorandum for Belmont, pointing out the inadequacies and making recommendations for improvement of the coverage. He stated these were informal memoranda for Belmont's use. I asked whether he had any tickler copies and he stated most of them had been destroyed, but did exhibit ticklers of four such memoranda still in his possession.

I reviewed these ticklers and find that one prepared by Ferris in March 1954 for Belmont's use in conferring with SAC G. B. Norris, contains such statements as "It appears that the SAC has paid relatively little attention to this project up until the very recent past." The memorandum, after pointing out that the August semiannual report of developments

in this project, due August 1953, was not submitted until December 1953, further indicated that the lack of adequate attention was further borne out by the fact that the Phoenix Office had only one informant utilized in connection with this program and that this informant was of very limited value. Ferris then has the statement, "This is considered to be a very unimpressive showing, particularly considering the fact that two agents are authorized to work on this project." Ferris continues in his memorandum for two pages to point out the inadequacies and that Phoenix should be instructed to take immediate effective steps. Certainly in this memorandum Ferris clearly pointed out to Belmont the inadequacies of the program in so far as the Phoenix Office was concerned.

What did Belmont do about this?

In an informal memorandum for Belmont dated 5/21/53, to be used by Belmont in conferring with SAC M. P. Chiles of San Antonio, Ferris in three pages points out weaknesses in the coverage maintained by San Antonio, including lack of informants.

What action did Belmont take?

Ferris, in an undated memorandum for Belmont's use in a discussion with SAC Galen Willis of San Diego, observes that San Diego has been making very good progress, and makes certain observations to insure that San Diego will further increase its efforts.

In another similar memorandum for Belmont's use in conferring with SAC C. W. Brown of El Paso (undated, but prepared Ferris believes in 1954), Ferris points out generally the improper approach being taken by the El Paso Office in securing coverage and gives observations as to the proper approach to be made.

What did Belmont do?

I asked Ferris many questions concerning this program and gained the distinct impression that Ferris appears to be very conversant with the situation, is possessed of considerable enthusiasm concerning the program, but has not obviously translated that enthusiasm into aggressive action. However, as indicated in the afore-mentioned memoranda cited, he certainly pointed out to his superiors some of the shortcomings of the program.

Ferris did not seek to excuse his lack of aggressiveness, nor did he seek to shift the blame to Belmont and Keay. He was very forthright in his answers to some very frank questions I posed to him. I was forced to the conclusion that if I were to recommend Ferris' immediate removal from supervisory duties I would in effect be making him the "goat" in the situation.

Ferris informs me that if the Director decides that he should be permitted to remain on the desk, he will aggressively insist that the border offices and the office of the Legal Attache in Mexico City perform effectively, and he will recommend appropriate administrative action for any deficiencies noted.

I have some doubts as to whether Ferris can suddenly acquire an aggressiveness not previously demonstrated by him since he took over this desk in December 1948. However, I do feel that the lack of aggressiveness in this entire program is not shared solely by Ferris, but by Roach, Keay, Belmont and myself.

Belmont, in his attached memorandum dated 5/12/55, points out that Ferris' duties on the Foreign Liaison Desk, in addition to handling the Border Coverage Program, consist of supervision of the offices of the Legal Attaches in Mexico City, Havana and Rio de Janeiro, administratively, and Belmont points out that the investigative cases in these countries are handled by substantive supervisors. He also has duties involving all offices abroad, such as war plans, procedural matters common to all offices, home leave, security and effectiveness of communications, and inquiries from other parts of the Bureau. Belmont points out that the volume of the work on this desk is extremely heavy. Belmont observes that the quality and effectiveness of the work of Ferris, for an extended period, on an over-all basis, seems good, with the exception of his handling of the Border Coverage Program.

R. A. X Roach A. H. X Belmont

RECOMMENDATION: V. P. X Keay L. V. X Boardman

It is recommended that Ferris remain on the Foreign Liaison Desk for a period of 60 days, after which time his work is to be reassessed, with the view to determining whether he has afforded his work the aggressive attention essential to insure success of the Mexican Border Coverage Program.

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I have to agree, since the blame seems to largely rest with his superiors.

Did we have the answers to Tolson's questions before last. H.

what assurance is there that these 4 officials can administer this program?

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. T. BOARDMAN
FROM : A. H. BELMONT
SUBJECT: MEXICAN BORDER COVERAGE

DATE: April 18, 1955

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 13, 1955.

In accordance with the Director's instructions that the second border coverage conference be held not later than June 1, 1955, instructions have been sent to the field advising that the conference has been tentatively scheduled for May 23, 24 and 25, 1955. The border offices and the Legal Attache's office have been instructed to submit their suggestions for the agenda for that conference and the agenda will be drafted as soon as those replies are received.

In connection with the submission of statistics relative to security subjects, all foreign offices have been instructed to submit such statistics relative to American Security Index subjects and American Espionage subjects under investigation in their countries in conjunction with the regular semiannual accomplishments reports. In order that we may have on hand immediately an up-to-date set of such figures concerning security investigations in our foreign offices, those offices have been instructed to send in at once those statistics as of April 15, 1955.

The Director inquired as to why the Domestic Intelligence Division has not taken action to effect extension of the Legal Attache's security coverage in the northern part of Mexico. The Resident Agency in Monterrey was opened to extend our coverage in northern Mexico in 1951. Monterrey is the largest city in that part of Mexico, we have considerable work there and a consulate exists which serves as a cover for our Agents although it is 150 miles south of the border. We now have two Agents assigned to Monterrey. Arrangements were subsequently made for the Senior Resident Agent at Monterrey to confer periodically with the SAC at San Antonio and with San Antonio Agents handling investigations along the border in order that there can be coordination between the security investigations handled in the northern part of Mexico out of the Monterrey Resident Agency and those of the border coverage Agents in the San Antonio Division. In 1952 a resident agency was also opened at Guaymas, Mexico, to handle coverage in the northern part of the country. That resident agency was closed when the Consulate at Guaymas was eliminated by the State Department and we, therefore, established a resident agency at Guadalajara out of which the west coast road trip territory is handled to cover criminal and security work up to the

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border area and to cover the Bureau subjects who arrive in Mexico by the west coast highway.

(U) On February 8, 1955, the Legal Attache was instructed to transfer an informant to Nuevo Laredo from Mexico City if a suitable one could be found, or to ascertain from available informants in Mexico City the identity of an individual in Nuevo Laredo who would serve as a suitable informant. The Legal Attache was again followed on this matter on March 16, 1955. The Legal Attache has likewise been instructed to draw up concrete plans for the further extension of his security coverage in northern Mexico.

(U) Mexico City is the focal point for security investigations in Mexico, as the headquarters of the Communist Party of Mexico and the Soviet Embassy are located there. We have built up our coverage in Mexico City over a period of several years and last fall the Legal Attache was authorized to begin an intensified coverage of Soviet activities in Mexico City. This coverage relates not only directly to subversive activities in Mexico City but since Mexico City is the center of Communist and Soviet activities it is closely related to security investigations along the border.

The question of security coverage by the Legal Attache's office in the northern part of Mexico was included on the agenda of the border coverage conference held at El Paso in January, 1955, and it is being placed on the agenda of the May, 1955, conference and it will be given primary consideration by that conference.

The Director inquired as to who has been in charge of the border coverage program. In answer to the Director's question, this is to advise that the program has been handled in the Domestic Intelligence Division. The administrative aspects of the program are supervised in the Liaison Section, and have been since its inception, in connection with the Foreign Liaison program. Inspector V. P. Keay was in charge of the Liaison Section until June, 1954, when SA R. R. Roach became Chief of the Section. SA Nathan L. Ferris has been the supervisor in charge of the Foreign Liaison Desk. I and Inspector Keay continue to maintain over-all supervision of the entire program.

*Since December, 1948.

4/19/55 - I recommend censure and probation for SA Ferris, and censure for Roach, Keay, Belmont and Boardman, for their ineffective supervision of the Mexican Border Coverage Program.

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R. R. Roach
A. H. Belmont
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May 16, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS
MR. HARBO
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DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE

In regard to the attached memorandum of May 13, 1955, from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman, concerning the handling of the Border Coverage Program, it is quite obvious from Mr. Belmont's memorandum that there has been too much left to assumption and too little nailed down as specifics.

As regards Supervisor Ferris, it is obvious that he has not measured up to the responsibilities assigned him, but he certainly should not be made the "goat" when those above him with equal if not greater responsibility, namely, Messrs. Reach, Keay, Belmont, and Boardman, completely ignored their responsibilities.

Letters of censure, if not already sent, should be addressed to Messrs. Ferris, Reach, Keay, Belmont, and Boardman, as to the gross mishandling of the Mexican Border Coverage Program.

It is my desire that henceforth such conferences, as Mr. Belmont states he has held with various Special Agents in Charge, be reduced to writing and be confirmed by written instructions to the Special Agent in Charge where it is necessary. As the situation exists now, the inspectors, who are inspecting the border offices looking into the Border Coverage Program, find little or no evidence of instructions or proper follow-up from Washington and there is no record here that such instructions were orally issued to the respective Special Agents in Charge when they were here for conferences.

As regards Supervisor Ferris's continued assignment to the Foreign Liaison Desk for a period of 60 days, I will agree to this but in the meantime I want the Inspection Division to immediately make a check of what he has done in the past in supervising foreign liaison work because I

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am frank to admit that I am concerned if he handled that project in the same indifferent manner as he handled the Border Coverage Program. Here again, Supervisor Ferris may not alone be to blame if the foreign liaison work has been improperly handled because the other officials above him in the Domestic Intelligence Division may be as culpable in this respect as they were in the handling of the Border Coverage Program.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 5/31/55

FROM : R. T. HARBO

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SUBJECT: SUPERVISION OF FOREIGN LIAISON DESK
BY SA NATHAN L. FERRIS

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Domestic Intelligence Division
Background of Ferris and Duties:

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Entered on duty 11/3/30; appointed Special Agent (Limited) 10/15/41; appointed Special Agent 1/16/43 and assigned to Domestic Intelligence Division; subsequently assigned to Mexico City; Santiago, Chile; Mexico, and Domestic Intelligence Division. Currently in charge of Foreign Liaison supervision and has one other Agent subordinate to him. GS-14, nonveteran. Placed on probation 4/28/55 for ineffective supervision of Communist informant coverage along the Mexican border. File shows Ferris is considered as one of the most experienced SOG employees in foreign liaison operations; adept at handling intricate and troublesome problems; recommended for further administrative advancement (3/31/55). Censured 3/22/55 for inaccuracy in a memorandum; commended 12/9/54 for handling visit of Mexican Attorney General to Washington; commended 3/31/54 for handling visit of Cuban official. Numerous statements on file that Ferris is a valuable man on his present assignment. Inspector's analysis shows Ferris to be singularly qualified for foreign liaison supervision by virtue of past experience, knowledge and temperament.

Personal duties of Ferris consist of: supervising Mexico City (14 Agents, 11 stenographers), Havana (3 Agents, 2 stenographers); Rio de Janeiro (1 Agent, 1 steno); supervises one other Agent assigned to foreign liaison work at SOG; foreign name checks and investigations for police and intelligence agencies; liaison foreign police and intelligence authorities; foreign visitors at SOG; coordination by examining all outgoing and incoming mail from legal attaches.

In his supervision of Rio, Mexico City and Havana, Ferris acts as a general coordinator in that investigative cases are supervised by substantive supervisors; personnel matters are supervised by Administrative Division; supplies and finances are supervised by Administrative Division. Generally speaking,

cc: Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

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~~the procedure~~ is that Ferris keeps generally informed of activities in each of the offices but the primary supervisory responsibility rests with other divisions at the SOG as to each phase of activities except: Ferris personally supervises Communist coverage along the Mexican border; authorizes the use of informants in the three offices; confers with foreign liaison Agents when at SOG; handles inquiries from other parts of the Bureau about liaison operations; prepares budget and annual report material; War Plans of all offices; home leave regulations; special allowances and legislative benefits to employees abroad; security and effectiveness of communications channels with foreign offices. Ferris is responsible for providing training to new employees going on foreign assignment and making appropriate arrangements such as passports, inoculations and shipment of effects. He handles field relations with other agencies whenever they relate to foreign matters.

Ferris' overtime during the past six months averaged 3 hours, 35 minutes daily.

Weaknesses of Ferris, Past and Present:

(U) 1. Daily Bureau records show that until June, 1954, Ferris, as supervisor in charge of foreign liaison, had not demanded prompt repayment of funds advanced to employees on foreign assignment. Some repayments had not been made even after a lapse of a year; since June, 1954, these accounts have been handled properly. Assistant Director, Belmont, notes that he does not consider the lapse of time in repayment of fund advances as reflecting upon the quality of supervision by Ferris, but rather that an erroneous policy had been followed prior to June, 1954, as the Bureau's policy changed at this time. b7D

✓ What is meant by this? H. Delays in dispatching [redacted] were subsequently corrected according to Bureau records and current inquiry. (S)

3. The Legal Attache at Rio de Janeiro from 1950 - 1955 was Martin Carlsen; replaced in April, 1955, because of ineffective operations. An inspection was made at Rio by Inspector D. C. Brown and a summary of his findings submitted 10/28/54 recommended replacement of Carlsen. Six-months' summaries which had been submitted by the Legal Attache at Rio previously reflected ineffective operations. Ferris recognized inadequacies of Rio Legat and same called to Rio office's attention 9/20/54. Although Ferris was not responsible for the supervision of the Rio office at that time, he was supervisor in charge of all the foreign liaison offices, and it appears that he should have recognized the

Who was responsible?

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deficiencies sooner. Assistant Director Belmont points out that during 1954 the Rio office was supervised by SA [redacted] and had primary responsibility under Ferris, the Supervisor in Charge. Domestic Intelligence Division submitted a memorandum 10/27/54 recommending the removal of Carlsen as Legal Attache in Rio.

W. and this is the result of the inspection rather than initiative of Don. D. in.

4. Inspection of Mexico City Office, May 1955, reflects delinquencies over an 8-month period considered prior to May 1955, had ranged from a high of 44% in December 1954 to a low of 33% in January 1955. Ferris followed up the administrative report of February by letter instructing efforts should be made to reduce the delinquencies. This was by letter 4/26/55. Assistant Director Belmont points out although the delinquency figures would be considered high for domestic offices, they are not considered unnecessarily high for a foreign office as a foreign office must cover leads through informants.

With this completely disagree. N.

5. Inadequacies in coverage along the Mexican border for which Ferris is personally responsible have been previously adjudicated by the Bureau and Ferris was censured and placed on probation.

6. Detailed analysis of work of Ferris including review of 72 cases (23 name checks and 43 police cooperation or investigative matters) during current inspection revealed no delinquencies or delays. Analysis of other phases of supervision of Ferris shows matters well handled.

Performance of Rio de Janeiro, Havana, Mexico City, which offices are Supervised by Ferris:

Statistical Accomplishments for Rio, Havana and Mexico City for the Last Six Months of 1954

	Recoveries		Fugitives	
	Autos	Money Value	Located	Delinquency (4/30/55)
Rio	0	0	0	42.86%
Havana	1	\$ 1,200	3	35.11
Mex. City	34	\$68,520	61	39.75

Inspector detected no delinquencies in performance or supervision of Rio, Havana, or Mexico City attributable to Ferris.

Conclusions as to Performance of Supervisor Ferris:

Delinquencies mentioned hereinbefore have been previously known to the Bureau; no new ones developed during current inquiry. Inspector evaluated all phases of work of Ferris and found that Ferris is singularly qualified for his present assignment; shows enthusiasm, excellent working knowledge of liaison operations; appears to be competent. Ferris assures more vigorous supervision and attention to details in future to eliminate recurrence of type of weaknesses which have occurred earlier. As to the weaknesses of Ferris regarding border coverage, Inspector holds Section Chief Roach, Division #1 Man Keay, Assistant Director Belmont and Assistant to the Director Boardman jointly responsible with Ferris; Roach, Keay and Belmont were aware of the weaknesses but did not take the necessary steps to have them corrected with regard to Border Coverage. Deficiencies on the part of these superiors of Ferris have already been adjudicated.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Ferris is currently on probation and the Director has authorized continuation of Ferris on the Foreign Liaison Desk for a period of 60 days pending a check as to other phases of Ferris' work. It is recommended that Ferris be continued on foreign liaison duties.

This is a shameful commentary as to lack of interest or responsibility of Belmont, Keay & Roach.

OK, but Harbo should expedite check on work of legal attaches

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I agree. I am not at all satisfied as to this get-up either here or abroad. Apparently Belmont, Keay, Roach & Ferris have been completely irresponsible.

SUMMARY

Background of Ferris

Ferris EOD 11/3/30; appointed Special Agent (L) 10/15/41; Special Agent 1/16/43; supervisor since 1945. He is GS-14, non-veteran. Superiors have described him as conscientious, has depth in handling intricate and troublesome problems, is one of the most experienced Seat of Government employees on foreign liaison operations and recommended for further administrative advancement (3/31/55).

Statistics

He supervises three offices, Rio de Janeiro, Mexico City and Havana. Accomplishments for those offices for the last six months of 1954 are as follows:

	<u>Recoveries</u>			<u>Fugitives</u>
	<u>Autos</u>	<u>Money Value</u>	<u>Located</u>	<u>Delinquency(4-30-55)</u>
Rio	0	0	0	42.66%
Havana	1	\$ 1,200	3	35.11
Mex. City	34	\$68,520	81	39.75

Inspector detected no delinquencies in performance or supervision of Rio, Havana, or Mexico City attributable to Ferris.

Statistics show very productive results for the first six months of the fiscal year in all foreign liaison offices, 131 fugitives located, recoveries totaling \$153,312. Statistics are made primarily in Mexico City Office which has functioned effectively in locating important fugitives, including Gus Hall, and a Smith Act subject for the San Juan Office.

Name checks and foreign police inquiries handled by the Foreign Liaison Unit amount to an average of 250 per month.

Liaison Desk Supervision

(See next page)

He has been on the Foreign Liaison Desk since 12/15/48. He has been Supervisor in Charge of the Foreign Liaison Desk since September, 1951.

Seventy-two cases were reviewed by the Inspector which had been handled personally by Ferris. These 72 divided as follows: 29 name checks, 43 individual cases - police cooperation and investigations. Accuracy of information reviewed in 17 cases. No delinquencies noted concerning handling of 72 cases. No instances of delay noted.

1. Until June, 1954, Ferris had not demanded prompt repayment of advances of funds to employees on foreign assignment. Prior to that time advances in some instances were not repaid for over one year after they were granted. In June, 1954, five employees were delinquent in fund-advance repayments. One from Legat in Paris. Four from Mexico City office. One employee in Mexico City office, William T. Moore, Clerk, received advance in January on transfer to office and requested return to states and resigned. Advance account settled in Sept., 1954.

(U) Since June, 1954, 6-month rule in effect for repayment of fund advances by Foreign Liaison offices. Ferris has followed this matter closely since June. No employees now in Foreign Liaison delinquent in repayment of advances. Since June, Assistant Director Belmont states he does not consider this as a reflection on loose supervision by Ferris but that it reflects before June, 1954, an erroneous policy had been followed. Bureau's policy as to the 6-month rule was clarified at that time. b7D

2. Ferris was censured in 1950 for weakness in procedure in dispatching [redacted] These memoranda had been held for three weeks. (S)

3. The Legat from 1950 until 1955 at Rio de Janeiro was Martin Carlsen. He was replaced in April, 1955, because of ineffectiveness. A review by the Inspector of the 6-month summary report of accomplishments from the Rio de Janeiro office reflected that the delinquency of cases had increased, investigative coverage was insufficient, and the summary named individuals who were contacts of the Legat but the summary did not reflect any result of these contacts. Although Ferris was not personally supervising Rio during 1954, he was Supervisor in Charge of the unit and should have recognized the incomplete 6-months' summaries which had been furnished by the Rio office. SA [redacted] was immediately responsible for supervising Rio and the incomplete summary of 7/1/54 was called to Rio Legat's attention 9/20/54. Inspector D. C. Brown made an inspection of the Rio office and in his summary 10/28/54 recommended Carlsen be replaced. A memorandum from Domestic Intelligence Division 10/27/54, made a recommendation to replace Carlsen. b6

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4. Inspection of Mexico City, May, 1955, reflects office (8 mos.) delinquencies range from high of 44% to low of 33% in January. The only follow-up of the general delinquencies from the Bureau (The Foreign Liaison Desk) relates to the February delinquency report which was dated 4/26/55. Assistant Director Belmont states he does not consider present delinquency figures in Mexico City as unnecessarily high as work must be done through informants and office cannot be gauged by domestic delinquency figures.

Responsibilities of Superiors:

Inspector asked Ferris if his superiors had ever pointed out to him that any of the programs handled on the Foreign Liaison Desk were improperly handled or receiving inadequate attention. Ferris stated he had discussed procedures to improve programs handled on the Foreign Liaison Desk but no particular program had been pointed out as being inadequate. He said his superiors had pointed out inadequacies concerning the informant coverage along the Mexican border.

Messrs. Roach, Keay and Belmont were asked by the Inspector if they considered Ferris had inadequately handled duties assigned the Foreign Liaison Desk. Keay and Belmont stated that they had not considered Ferris derelict in his supervisory duties and responsibilities. Both pointed out they would have noted such deficiencies in his personnel ratings if they had considered his work unsatisfactory. Section Chief Roach stated he considered Ferris to have been competent and aggressive as a supervisor in all types of the Foreign Liaison Desk's operations with the exception of the Border Coverage program. Each of Ferris' superiors stated they shared the responsibility for inadequacies concerning the Border Coverage program.

Responsibilities of Ferris:

Responsibilities of Ferris were outlined in a memo Belmont to Boardman 5/9/55 as follows:

"Legal Attache Office Supervision of -

Mexico City (14 Agents, 11 Steno-clerks), Havana (3 Agents, 2 Stenos) and Rio de Janeiro (1 Agent, 1 Steno).

Administrative Matters

Expense accounts (Personal and Office), Office rental arrangements and general expenses, supplies and equipment - correspondence and arrangements to obtain/ follow through to make sure properly shipped if sent from U.S. (including automobiles, etc.), miscellaneous problems arising in administration of foreign policy.

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Productivity and Justification

Follow productivity of offices through monthly administrative reports and other devices used for domestic field as well as through semiannual reports. Also reviews incoming mail from all offices for productivity and for potential problems of an administrative nature or ones that affect the functioning of our operations abroad. Preparation of justification memos as needed.

Personnel

Submission of recommendations for Administrative Division's consideration re personnel for foreign offices and qualifications needed employees.

(U) Training and preparation of new personnel selected for foreign assignment including arrangements for passports, inoculations, shipment of belongings, etc.

Office personnel matters (replacements for persons on leave, etc.)

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(U) Informants ~~(S)~~

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(U) Maintenance of informant card file ~~(S)~~

Relations with Other Agencies Abroad

Handling field relations with other agencies and matters arising involving relations with the E_mbassy and with foreign police and intelligence agencies.

Mail

Review all outgoing mail from other Sections of Bureau for policy and procedures for transmittal to foreign offices.

General Foreign Liaison Matters

1. Handle matters pertaining to all offices:

1. War plans for all offices.
2. General Administrative and procedural matters common to all offices.
3. Home leave regulations.
4. Special allowances and benefits under legislation re employees abroad.
5. Security and effectiveness of channels of communication with foreign offices.
6. Handle inquiries from other parts of Bureau re facilities and channels available through Liaison offices and information on established policies and procedures (necessary as many Supervisors handle foreign leads only occasionally and so call Foreign Liaison Desk for information).
7. Preparation of budget and annual report material.

Projects

Communist Coverage Along the Mexican Border (General administration)

Authorization for use of informants

Review of six months' progress report (now 30-day reports)

Conferences with Agents and SAC's when at SOG for

In-Service and conferences.

Preparation of rough draft memos for use of officials in discussing program with SAC's.

Duties as Supervisor in Charge

Monthly delinquency check

Monthly unit check (property, etc.)

Periodic destruction of ticklers

General supervision clerical personnel (2 clerks)"

Foreign Liaison Desk duties are primarily those of coordination. Substantive case supervision responsibilities which would reflect the results of production and value of informants in individual matters are handled by the substantive supervisors in Divisions 5 and 6.

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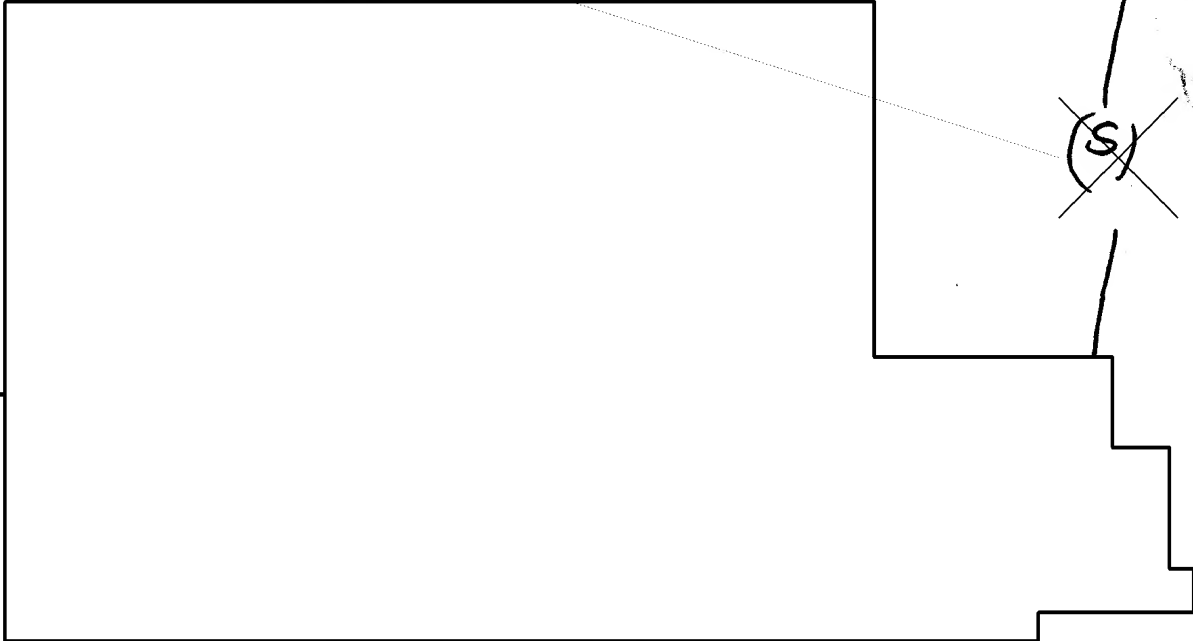
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Informants

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Informants supervised by Ferris are as follows:



Supervision by Ferris of All Offices

Hereinafter is a chart prepared from a review of the abstracts of all outgoing communications to the Foreign liaison offices for the four-month period, - January to May, 1955.

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(see chart on next page)

FOREIGN BUREAU OFFICES
Abstracts Outgoing Communications - January 1, 1955 to May 1, 1955 (4 months)

	<u>Investigative</u> (Security)	(Criminal)	<u>Admin. & Miscell.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>No. Handled by Ferris</u>	(deadlines set)	(Admin. action recommended)
Mexico City	353	207	146	97	450	124	27(none specific) 0
Madrid	10	9	1	12	22	2	0
London	109	97	12	26	135	1	0
Ottawa	206	153	53	25	231	0	0
Paris	118	96	22	28	146	12	0
Rio de Janeiro	14	8	6	20	34	8	3
Rome	6	5	1	18	24	5	1
Salsburg	37	36	1	8	45	1	0
Tokyo	27	22	5	22	49	1	0
Heidelberg	69	59	10	22	91	0	0
Havana	44	34	10	26	70	25	1

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Out of 1297 items of outgoing correspondence Ferris handled 179 or 14%. Deadlines were set in 34 instances or 19% of these handled by him. Review shows no action warranted. Administrative action was recommended and approved in three instances by memorandum from Ferris regarding improper handling of Border Coverage Program.

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There are presently 2 supervisors in the Foreign Liaison Unit, [] and N. L. Ferris. Ferris supervises the three Latin American offices, Rio de Janeiro, Havana and Mexico City. The latter two offices are investigative in scope and production primarily, of statistics, is made in these two offices. The remaining 8 offices are principally of a liaison character.

Ferris supervises War Plans in all foreign liaison offices. Delinquencies in not promptly sending War Plans by Legat, Rome, and Legat, Mexico City, were pointed out. File reflects plans have been forwarded from these two Legats and Ferris set deadlines in order that these two items would be received without undue delay.

As of May 1, 1955, there were 885 cases pending in the foreign offices supervised by Ferris; however, most of these cases are of a substantive type and are therefore supervised by the substantive supervisor and Ferris has only coordinating responsibility.

The volume of the work is reflected in part from a review of the abstracts of incoming communications from foreign liaison offices. For the 4-month period January 1, 1955, to May, 1955, figures are as follows:

(See chart next page)

Observations Concerning Qualifications of Ferris:

Ferris' overtime in past 6 months has amounted to 3 hours 35 minutes daily. He has been continuously described in performance ratings as devoted, conscientious, loyal, adept in handling intricate and troublesome problems, and singularly qualified for handling foreign liaison matters. He has been recommended for further administrative responsibilities.

FOREIGN BUREAU OFFICES

ABSTRACTS OF INCOMING COMMUNICATIONS FROM JAN. 1, 1955 TO MAY, 1955 (4 MOS.)

	<u>Total #</u>	<u>Aug. per mo.</u>	<u>(22 work days)</u> <u>Aug. per day</u>	<u># Clerical Emp. in Off.</u>	<u>Total pers.</u>
Mexico City	829	207	9.4	11	25
Madrid	105	26	1.1	1	2
London	249	62	2.8	2	4
Ottawa	474	118	5.4	1	2
Paris	489	122	5.5	2	5
Rio de Janeiro	110	27	1.2	1	2
Rome	72	18	.8	1	2
Salzburg	174	43	2.	1	2
Tokyo (no Clerk)	95	24	1.1	1 (Recent)	2
Waldberg	544	136	6.2	1	2
Havana	279	70	3.2	2	5

Total Inc. Com. 3402

Total aug. per day 3.5

SALARY MATTERS - FOREIGN LIAISON OFFICES

Personnel

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Salary</u>
(Austria)			
Cornelius A. Moynihan	Liaison Representative	GS-15	\$10,800
[REDACTED]	Clerk (Steno)	GS-8	4,870
(Brazil)			
Martin Carlsen	(ord. to San Diego, Cal. 3/28/55)	GS-15	10,800
John J. Mannion	Legal Attache	GS-13	8,960
[REDACTED]	Stenographer	GS-5	4,160
(Canada)			
Glenn H. Bethel	Liaison Representative	GS-15	10,800
[REDACTED]	Stenographer	GS-7	4,330
(Cuba)			
W. Clair Spears	Legal Attache	GS-15	11,300
Clark D. Anderson	Asst. Legal Attache	GS-14	9,800
John J. Wachter	" " "	GS-13	8,760
[REDACTED]	Clerk (Steno)	GS-8	5,120
	" " "	GS-8	4,745
(England)			
John A. Cimperman	Legal Attache	GS-15	11,050
J. Philip O'Brien	Asst. Legal Attache	GS-14	9,800
[REDACTED]	Secretary (Steno)	GS-8	5,370
	" " "	GS-8	5,245
(France)			
Rolland O. L'Allier	Legal Attache	GS-15	11,050
Wm. T. Brooking, Jr.	Asst. Legal Attache	GS-14	9,800
Robert C. LaBossiere	" " "	GS-14	9,600
[REDACTED]	Secretary (Steno)	GS-8	5,120
	Steno-translator	GS-8	4,870
(Germany)			
George A. VanNoy	Liaison Representative	GS-15	10,800
[REDACTED]	Stenographer	GS-8	4,870
(Italy)			
Peter J. Cattaneo	Legal Attache	GS-14	9,800
[REDACTED]	Secretary Stenographer	GS-8	4,995

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Salary</u>
(Mexico)			
John N. Speakes	Legal Attache	GS-15	\$11,550
Edwin L. Sweet	Ass't. " "	GS-14	10,200
William T. Baker	" " "	GS-14	9,800
	Special Ass't. to Consul General	GS-14	9,800
Henry C. Johnson	Ass't. Legal Attache	GS-14	9,800
George F. Munro	" " "	GS-14	9,800
Joseph B. Garcia	" " "	GS-14	9,800
	Special Ass't. to Consul General	GS-14	9,600
	Special Ass't. to Consul General	GS-14	9,600
Wade E. Knapp	Assistant Attache	GS-14	9,600
Rolf L. Larson	" "	GS-14	9,600
	Spec. Ass't. to Consul Gen.	GS-14	9,600
Joseph T. Genco	Ass't. Attache	GS-13	8,760
James T. Haverly	" "	GS-13	8,760
	Receptionist (Steno)	GS-8	4,870
	Clk. (Stenographer)	GS-8	4,620
	Administrative Clerk	GS-7	4,955
	Assistant Chief Clerk	GS-7	4,580
	Stenographer	GS-7	4,455
	"	GS-7	4,455
	"	GS-7	4,330
	Administrative Clerk	GS-7	4,205
	Comm. Code Clerk	GS-7	4,205
	Stenographer	GS-7	4,205
	Clerk	GS-6	4,295

(Spain)

Joseph E. Presley	Legal Attache	GS-15	11,300
	Secretary Steno.	GS-8	5,370

(Japan)

Harold L. Child, Jr.	Legal Attache	GS-14	9,600
	Special Employee	GS-10	5,500

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It will be noted the average clerical salary in foreign offices amounts to \$4738. The Agent salary average in foreign offices amounts to \$10,018 annually. The average salary of Agents and stenos at the SOG on 4-30-55 was as follows:

Agents GS-13	\$8980
Stenos GS-4	3502.

During the fiscal year 1954 in addition to salaries \$56,035 was paid to employees on foreign assignment for quarter's allowance. Total clerical salaries in Foreign Liaison offices is \$113,747. Total Agent salaries in Foreign Liaison offices is \$300,548. Total salaries paid in foreign liaison offices is \$414,280.

Foreign Liaison Desk points out that grade and salaries of clerical employees approved by Job Description sheets. Offices having one Agent and one stenographer require that steno act as receptionist; chief clerk; typist; code clerk and particular reliance must be placed on the employee in matters concerning security of documents and reports. Salaries paid to personnel in foreign offices considered by Liaison Section as comparable to other Government agencies.

Production:

There are two offices, Havana and Mexico City, which produce most of the statistics. A detailed review of the Mexico City office reflects the following:

(See chart next page)

STATISTICS MEXICO LEGAT (Bufile 64-4532-1131) Let to Bu 1-17-55

Last Six Mos. Calendar Year 1954 (July thru Dec. 1954)

Fugitives

Mexico City (Fug & SS delinq. located)		Guadalajara Res A.		Monterrey R. A.		Total
Class	#	cl	#	cl	#	
25	33	25	13	25	3	51
42	9	42	12	26	3	22
52	1	47	2	42	2	6
76	3	76	1		8	Total 81
87	2	87	1			
88	2	88	2			
106	1	115	1			
			22			
Total	51					

12 cars Value \$32,720.00 68,520

Cars Rec. 8 Value \$11,590.00

Autos Recov. 14 Value \$23,850.00

False SS Reg detected 9

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Details

1. Arrest of Smith Act Subject (Puerto Rico) Ramon Mirabal Carrion

2. Arrest of I.O. Fug #2746 Abraham John Hinton

SS del & fug

higher than 21 domestic P.O. for like period.

34 autos (same a Buffalo office " ")

During the past year name checks and foreign invests. increased from 2314 in Mar. 52 for year ending Mar. 53 to 3052

For year ending March, 55,

Cases pending all Legats 3/53 1320

" " " " 4/55 1715

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CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Set out following Synopsi.

PERMANENT BRIEF OF SA NATHAN L. FERRIS ENCLOSED.

May 3, 1955

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Belmont:

I have carefully considered the facts relating to a proposed letter to all Special Agents in Charge regarding revised thumbnail sketches on the [redacted] and the [redacted] which had been prepared by an agent under your supervision. I have noted that you reviewed and approved this proposed letter although the sketch on the [redacted] concealed the identity of an individual who had furnished information pertaining to that organization notwithstanding existing instructions that sources of data utilized in such sketches be set out.

I cannot emphasize too strongly the need for the highest degree of care in the preparation of letters of this nature. Accordingly, I shall expect you to see to it that personnel under your supervision comply fully with existing instructions in the future preparation of such letters.

COMM - FBI

MAY 4 - 1955

MAILED 28

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

67-94639-379
Based on memo from
Mr. Belmont to Boardman
4/20/55 CFW:baw:lfj

Tolson _____
Boardman _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Parsons _____
Rosen _____
Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

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cc: Mr. Boardman (Personal Attention)
Note: Movement Unit has advised that Mr. Belmont is to be in Boston 5-3-55 and in Newark 5-4-55 and thereafter to return to Washington, D. C. Therefore, the above letter is being addressed to Mr. Belmont in Washington, D. C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. E. V. Boardman

DATE: April 26, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: THUMBNAIL SKETCHES OF
SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bufile 100-725

Tolson _____
Boardman _____
Belmont _____
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Winterrowd _____
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Holloman _____
Gandy _____

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There was attached to a memorandum dated 3-29-55 in the captioned matter, a proposed SAC Letter revising thumbnail sketches previously furnished the field on the Liberty Book Club (LBC) and the Wholesale Book Corporation (WBC). The revision consisted of deleting data re these organizations furnished by Harvey Matusow. No other current thumbnail sketches furnished the field contain data from Matusow.

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The sketch on the [] contained the present and past addresses of [] which were furnished by [] in which the [] was located. The identity of this individual was concealed by the use of a T symbol. Mr. Tolson raised the question as to why a T symbol had been used in connection with setting forth the address of the []

By SAC Letter 64-22 dated 4-29-54 the field was specifically instructed that in transmitting thumbnail sketches the sources of data utilized should be set out. These instructions were resubscribed so that only accurate, documented data would be included in these sketches which receive wide use in the field and to prevent any opinions or unsubstantiated statements appearing therein.

The memorandum of 3-29-55 and the attached proposed SAC Letter were prepared by Supervisor [] and were initialed as follows: [] and [] in the Internal Security Section; W. V. Cleveland, V. F. Keay and Assistant Director Belmont in Mr. Belmont's office; J. L. McGovern and Mr. Belmont in Mr. Boardman's office and E. J. Dalbey and Inspector in Charge E. D. Mason in the Training and Inspection Division. Although the instructions were that sources of data utilized in these sketches be set out, in view of our cutting out concealment of sources wherever possible the use of the unnecessary T symbol in this instance should have been obvious to all concerned.

Enclosures

Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Boardman
Administrative Division

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This action does not appear to warrant censure; however, if such is desired all involved in handling this matter should be censured.

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The New York Office has submitted a revised thumbnail [redacted]. In the new sketch, no source of the address [redacted] is set out. This revised sketch is included in the proposed SAC Letter attached. Manual changes are also attached. In the SAC Letter and Manual change the field is being instructed that in thumbnail sketches submitted in the future, not to attribute information such as the address of an organization to a source, but to furnish the source in the letter transmitting the sketch to the Bureau. Also, where possible, information regarding formation and/or dissolution of an organization should be attributed to corporation, tax or other official records rather than individuals or informants. This will eliminate use of unnecessary T symbols and at the same time enable us to maintain a record of sources not shown in the sketches. The field is also being instructed to submit with the sketches a statement to the effect that all T symbols utilized in the preparation of the thumbnail sketches are absolutely necessary. In addition, the field is being instructed to adhere to instructions set out in SAC Letters 55-20 and 55-26 re characterizations of sources utilized in these sketches, i. e., they are to no longer state an individual or informant if of known or unknown reliability as in the past but should follow the new procedure.

With the revised thumbnail sketch, the New York Office submitted explanations of John T. Murphy, the Agent who prepared the sketch, and Bernard J. Connell, the approving supervisor. These explanations were that [redacted] whose identity was concealed by use of a T symbol requested that his identity be concealed and that in accordance with prior Bureau instructions the sources of information utilized in thumbnail sketches were set out. New York recommended no administrative action.

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ASAC Arthur Marchessault of the New York Office on 4-21-55 advised that in addition to the information furnished by [redacted] United States [redacted], New York City, had advised records of Post Office reflected the [redacted] advised the Post Office it was moving from [redacted] both New York City.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) This matter was handled by the New York Office and at the Bureau in accordance with existing Bureau instructions relating to thumbnail sketches. These instructions are being changed so that sketches submitted in the future will contain no unnecessary T symbols. In view of the above, it is recommended that no administrative action be taken in this matter.

*sent 4-29-55
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(2) If you approve, it is recommended that the attached SAC Letter be sent to the field.

*sent 4-29-55
HWS*
(3) If you approve, it is recommended that the attached manual change be furnished the field.

ADDENDUM: LVB

Since we have been emphasizing necessity of eliminating every possible "T" informant, failure to do so in this case warrants censure for [redacted] Henry, Cleveland, Keay and Belmont. No recommendation as to Dalbey and Mason.

and the Bureau

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*sent 5-29-55
HWS*
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PERMANENT BRIEFS OF THE PERSONNEL FILES OF [redacted] AND [redacted] ARE ATTACHED.

CLEVELAND.

*letters sent
5-4-56 HWS*

May 2, 1955

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The following Special Agents in Charge are presently on probation:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAST INSPECTION</u>	<u>DATE OF LAST RECHECK</u>	<u>REASON</u>
F. E. Crosby	Phoenix Inspection began 4-1855	10-20-54	4-1-54		In view of all the delinquencies found during the inspection of the San Juan Office dated 10-12-54.
E. A. Soucy	Albany Continued	12-10-54 3/24/55	11-10-54	3-8-55	Because of weaknesses reported as result of inspection of 11-10-54. Continued 3-24-55 because of the number and seriousness of the weaknesses found during the recheck inspection.
J. A. Roche	Buffalo Continued	1-24-55 3-11-55 4-15-55	1-14-55	2-26-55	In view of the delinquencies found during the inspection of 1-14-55. Continued 3-11-55 because of weaknesses still existing in office. Continued 4-15-55 because of the excessive number of

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAST INSPECTION</u>	<u>DATE OF LAST RECHECK</u>	<u>REASON</u>
F. Hallford	Pittsburgh	3-10-55	4-29-55	_____	errors which have been discovered in correspondence received from his office.
	Inspection report has not been submitted				Because of his lack of thoroughness in the supervision of the Selective Service Act, 1948 - Conscientious Objector investigation involving William Frederick Kopf.
N. H. McCabe	Philadelphia	3-30-55	3-18-55	_____	Because of the numerous serious delinquencies found during the inspection.
C. Doyle	San Juan Continued	4-7-55 4-15-55	10-12-54	3-24-55	In view of the weaknesses found existing in the San Juan Office during the recheck inspection of 3-24-55. Continued 4-15-55 because of the

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAST INSPECTION</u>	<u>DATE OF LAST RECHECK</u>	<u>REASON</u>
C. DOYLE	SAN JUAN Continued	4-7-55 4-15-55	10-12-54	3-24-55	excessive number of errors which have been discovered in correspondence received from his office.
R. J. Abbaticchio	Charlotte	4-15-55	7-13-54	11-27-54	Because of the excessive number of errors which have been discovered in correspondence received from his office.
C. W. Brown	Denver	4-15-55	7-31-54	_____	Because of the excessive number of errors which have been discovered in correspondence received from his office.
D. A. BRYCE	Albuquerque	4-15-55	7-9-54	10-27-54	Because of the excessive number of errors which have been discovered in correspondence received from his office.

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAST INSPECTION</u>	<u>DATE OF LAST RECHECK</u>	<u>REASON</u>
N. R. Johnson	Oklahoma City	4-15-55	9-16-54	_____	Because of the excessive number of errors which have been discovered in correspondence received from his office.
R. L. MURPHY	El Paso	4-15-55	11-8-54	_____	Because of the excessive number of errors which have been discovered in correspondence received from his office.
J. B. Poster	Milwaukee	4-15-55	1-23-54	_____	Because of the excessive number of errors which have been discovered in correspondence received from his office.
J. H. Williams	Honolulu	4-15-55	3-2-55	_____	Because of the excessive number of errors which have been discovered in correspondence received from his office.

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ON PROBATION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
L. V. BOARDMAN	Assistant to the Director	2-23-55	Because of lack of analysis and foresight manifested by him and his subordinates in the Domestic Intelligence Division in making changes in investigative reports in which former confidential informant Harvey Matusow had furnished information.
A. H. BELMONT	Assistant Director Domestic Intelligence Division	2-23-55	Because of lack of analysis and foresight manifested by him in making changes in investigative reports in which former confidential informant Harvey Matusow had furnished information.
V. P. Keay	Inspector in Charge (Internal Security Liaison Section)- Domestic Intelligence Division	2-23-55	Because of lack of analysis and foresight manifested by him in making changes in investigative reports in which former confidential informant Harvey Matusow had furnished information.
F. J. Baumgardner	Chief, Internal Security Section Domestic Intelligence Division	2-23-55	Because of lack of analysis and foresight manifested by him in making changes in investigative reports in which former confidential informant Harvey Matusow had furnished information.

Respectfully,

(s) JPM

J. P. Mohr

May 16, 1955

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

1565 SDP/KSR
9-26-91

Dear Mr. Belmont:

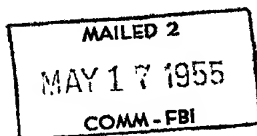
I have noted with great concern that on May 9 and 10, 1955, a Special Agent under your supervision improperly executed the sign-in and -out register he uses in that he was observed on both days to be engaged in personal affairs at a place remote from his normal work area after he had signified his arrival to assume his official duties. There is no justification for his failure to comply with existing Bureau regulations in these instances.

Accordingly, I shall expect you to take proper measures to see to it that there is no repetition of such delinquencies on the part of personnel under your supervision.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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CC: Mr. Boardman (Personal Attention)

Based on memo R. T. Harbo to Mr. Tolson, 5/11/55, JEE:jla.

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May 19, 1955

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Belmont:

1565 SDP/KSR
9-26-91

I have carefully reviewed the facts relative to the supervision of the Intensification Program, both in the field and at the Seat of Government. As Assistant Director in Charge of the Domestic Intelligence Division you are charged with the responsibility for the over-all supervision of this program. It is evident from the basic weaknesses in this program recently detected in the New York Division that you have not properly discharged your responsibilities in this regard.

Accordingly, I shall expect you to redouble your efforts to see to it that deficiencies of the type referred to above will not recur.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover

Director

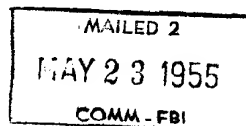
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CC: Mr. Boardman (Personal Attention)

Based on memo to Mr. Boardman from A. H. Belmont 5-8-55.
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FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 03-03-2011

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: May 6, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] IN
THE NEW YORK OFFICE

/ HENNRICH

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Reference memorandum R. T. Harbo to Mr. Tolson 5-5-55 pointing out [REDACTED] in New York Office. In your memorandum to Director 5-6-55 you stated check would be made to determine what [REDACTED] in supervision of our [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] which permitted these (S)

C. L. HENNRICH

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Branigan
Mr. [REDACTED]
Mr. [REDACTED]
Administrative Division

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According to the Central Research Section has for some time been preparing a comprehensive monograph on the subject of surveillances, including problems and solutions. This study will be put out in sections. The first section is expected to be completed at the end of this week. This monograph should be of considerable assistance to the field in meeting and solving various surveillance problems.

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The Director has noted that both Belmont and Hennrich

[REDACTED]

Mr. Belmont was in New York on March 24, 1955, and talked to approximately 625 Agents engaged in security work--one group in the morning and one in the afternoon. A copy of his memorandum dated March 25, 1955, covering his appearance at New York is attached. His discussion concerned the very real problems we are facing in the field of security. He ended the talk on the keynote that in all phases of security work each Agent must keep in mind the problems involved and the need to think before he acts. Belmont invited questions from the Agents and answered them. Belmont

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*... of this & indications had been given
... should not seem to want to know.*

~~Mr. Hennrich was in New York for an Espionage Conference on February 17 and 18, 1955. He remained over on Saturday, February 19, and visited several of the lookouts being maintained by the New York Office and observed the operation of some of the surveillances.~~

Mr. Hennrich was in New York again on March 30 and 31 and April 1, 1955, with the specific objective of conducting a survey as to whether a saving of man power could be obtained in the program; whether there was a need for redirection of the expenditure of man power within the program; and whether the over-all result of the program justified the man power assigned to it. He has prepared a detailed memorandum dated May 7, 1955, which is attached.

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Have Hennrich read
J. Donnell's letter & report
he has to say not only
about the project but also
Hennrich's New York visit. H.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that both Belmont and Hennrich

[redacted]

It is recommended that
they be censured.

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ADDENDUM (5/10/55):

By memorandum 3/28/55, Belmont to Boardman, Inspector
Hennrich outlined the scope of a proposed survey of the
utilization of [redacted]

[redacted] at New York, and indicated he would
proceed to New York on the evening of March 29th
to conduct this survey. For his [redacted]

[redacted] it
is recommended he be censured and placed on probation.

Belmont, as Assistant Director in charge of the Domestic
Intelligence Division, assumes over-all responsibility for
the [redacted] and it is recommended he be
censured.

I also should be censured because of my basic responsibility
for the proper administration of this program.

L. V. BOARDMAN

[Signature]

*I agree with
Boardman*

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[Signature] 5-10

[Signature] 5/10

[Signature] 5/10

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN
(U)DATE: May 17,
1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] (S)

The Director has asked for my comments regarding former Special Agent William G. McDonnell's letter in which some [REDACTED] of this project. The answers to the specific charges were furnished to Mr. Mohr over the week end of May 14-15, 1955. However, I am setting forth my views as follows:

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In the past, espionage in the United States, particularly by the Soviets, has posed a grave danger to the security of the country; witness the Fuchs case, the Gold case, the Silvermaster case, the Rosenberg case, the Coplon case,

[REDACTED] (S)

[REDACTED] (S)

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The Program has been effective. It has given us insight and knowledge beyond that which we have ever known before. While not one hundred per cent effective, it has

AHB:LL
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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Hennrich
Mr. [REDACTED]
Mr. Wannall

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman
from Mr. Belmont

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Re: [REDACTED] ~~(S)~~

5/17/55

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[REDACTED] ~~(S)~~

There is an inherent risk in this Program. Incidents have arisen, based on both true and false charges. When incidents have arisen where criticism is warranted, we have taken action against those responsible and have revised portions of the Program to minimize the risk.

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Our real objective is to so [REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman
from Mr. Belmont

Re: [REDACTED]

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5/17/55

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O'DONNELL'S LETTER

As stated above, each specific charge in O'Donnell's letter was answered in memoranda furnished to Mr. Mohr over the past week end. Basically, however, O'Donnell is charging:

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(6) That the Bureau may have misinterpreted the information from New York reporting this incident, because the Bureau wanted to misinterpret the New York information.

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O'Donnell's letter is a combination of fact, misinformation, and self-serving insinuations. Certainly, O'Donnell clearly shows

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman
from Mr. Belmont

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Re: [REDACTED] (S)

5/17/55

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(1) As to O'Donnell's charges, [REDACTED]

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(2) [REDACTED]

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(3) As to O'Donnell's statement it was expected that

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(4) O'Donnell states it was common knowledge that subjects

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman
from Mr. Belmont

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Re: [REDACTED] (S)

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(5) O'Donnell says that he missed the importance of the

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(6) Relative to O'Donnell's insinuation that the Bureau may have misinterpreted the information furnished by New York [REDACTED] because the Bureau wanted to misinterpret it, this is just plain calumny. This Division operates on facts and objective analysis of facts.

RECOMMENDATION:

The above is for the information of the Director.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BOARDMAN

DATE: May 3, 1955

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FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT:

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The Director inquired why a memorandum was not sent to Olney on April 28, following my talk with Olney.

I called Olney on this matter late on the afternoon of April 28, in order to try to force an issue as we could not seem to get an answer from the Department. He said the Department was studying it and that we would be advised prior to May 3. I stated in my memorandum of April 28, that we would follow again with the Department on Friday morning, April 29. This was a question where time was of the essence and I was trying to force the issue. Nevertheless, the Director is entirely correct in that a letter confirming our conversation should have been sent. It should have been done immediately following my discussion with Olney in order to state in writing what we wanted. I regret that this was not done and I have no excuse to offer.

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CC - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Vosburgh

I read and concur

I have no objection to taking matters up with Dept. orally when time is of the essence but insist on confirm by written memo so Dept. is kept on notice.

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MR. TOLSON

DATE: June 8, 1955

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DM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: MONTHLY PROBATION LIST

In reviewing the current monthly list showing Bureau officials on probation you noted that Mr. Boardman, Mr. Belmont, and Mr. Keay had been placed on probation in connection with the Matusow case on February 23, 1955, and you wanted to be advised whether either of them had subsequently been continued on probation as a result of some other administrative action.

You are advised that since being placed on probation Mr. Boardman has been censured on 7 occasions, Mr. Belmont on 8 occasions, and Mr. Keay on 4 occasions. No recommendations were made that either of them be continued on probation as a result of these censures and, consequently, the censure letters did not indicate such action. In every case where the administrative action consists of censure against an employee on probation and the recommendation is also made to the effect the employee is being continued on probation, this is set forth in the letter to the employee and the probationary list reflects the date and reason for the continued probation. This has happened in a number of occasions as reflected on the probation list. It did not happen in the cases of Messrs. Boardman, Belmont and Keay.

ACTION:

L. V. BOARDMAN

H. H. KEAY

None. This is for your information. J. P. MOHR

V. J. Mohr

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If I recall correctly several of these were of sufficient seriousness as to warrant "continued probation"

Mem to Mr. Mohr
 7-21-55 re:
 removal of [unclear]
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June 3, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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PROBATION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
A. H. Belmont	Assistant Director Domestic Intelligence Division	2-23-55	Because of lack of analysis and foresight manifested by him in making changes in investigative reports in which former confidential informant Harvey Matusow had furnished information.

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June 21, 1955

Personal and Confidential

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Belmont:

1565 SDP/LSR
9-26-91

I want you to know I sincerely appreciate the exemplary manner in which you performed in connection with the recent Operation Alert.

You certainly demonstrated efficiency and capability in carrying out your responsibilities so creditably. Please accept my personal commendation for your valuable contribution to the success of this endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Based on memo Harbo to Tolson 6/17/55 EDM:DMG

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *js*

DATE: June 15, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

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SUBJECT:

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Re attached memorandum dated June 13, 1955, on which you noted that you desired an explanation as to why it took so long to handle the request of San Juan for authority to advise informant's employer of informant's connection with the Bureau.

The incoming radiogram, dated June 7, 1955, was received by the Supervisor on June 8, 1955, and request was immediately made for informant's file and a search begun on the name of informant's employer for derogatory information. File received and review of references on informant's employer was completed on June 9, 1955, and memorandum, with outgoing radiogram, was dictated and dated June 9th.

The memorandum was returned on the late afternoon of June 9, 1955, with suggested change, which necessitated retyping one page. Due to mail dead line, memorandum and outgoing were changed to June 10, 1955, and sent through the Division that day.

On Friday, June 10, 1955, approximately 5:00 P.M., memorandum was returned from your office with a note stating that the synopsis should contain all necessary information on which action is to be taken and the recommendation is to follow the synopsis. This change required rewriting the memorandum completely, and inasmuch as it was not indicated that this was a matter of immediate urgency, the change was made first thing Monday morning, June 13, 1955. Action radiogram was redated June 13th and both were sent through channels on June 13, 1955.

RECOMMENDATION

This memorandum is submitted in accordance with your request and no administrative action is recommended.

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Donohue

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 22, 1955

SUBJECT: THE MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM
CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER

Tolson
Boardman
Belmont
Mohr
Parsons
Rosen
Tamm
 Sizoo
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Tele. Room
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Reference is made to the memorandum from W. C. Sullivan to Mr. A. H. Belmont dated June 6, 1955, in the captioned matter, which included thereon the notations of Mr. Tolson and the Director requesting an explanation for the delay in this matter. Mr. Tolson noted that the memorandum and SAC letter were dated June 6.

Material regarding the captioned matter, which included a ninety-page monograph, an SAC letter and a cover memorandum, was received for reading and approval in Mr. Belmont's office at 2:07 p. m., Monday, June 6. Due to the necessity for the handling of duties requiring more expeditious execution, including the approval of three monographs relating to surveillance, Mr. Cleveland did not have the opportunity to read this matter prior to the time that it was necessary for him to substitute at Mr. Hennrich's desk for a period starting in the middle of the week. During the latter portion of the week which began June 6, it was necessary for Mr. Hennrich to attend to matters at Mr. Belmont's desk. Mr. Belmont was almost completely involved in "Operation Alert" and other matters which required his constant attention. While substituting for Mr. Belmont, Mr. Hennrich read and approved this material for Mr. Belmont. The material was then forwarded to Mr. Boardman's office, being received there at 2:53 p. m., Saturday, June 11. Later that afternoon (June 11), it was referred back to Mr. Belmont's office for his personal review and approval. During the succeeding period, it appeared that Mr. Belmont would not have the opportunity to personally read and approve this material in the immediate future because of priority duties involving the preparation of evacuation plans to be executed that week. As a result of this situation, Mr. Hennrich telephonically advised Mr. Boardman's office that additional delay might be encountered if in this instance the personal approval of Mr. Belmont was required. Mr. Boardman's office granted an exception in this instance to expedite the handling of the above matter. It was received back in Mr. Boardman's office at 9:23 a. m., Tuesday, June 14.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Section tickler

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The monograph was read and approved by Scatterday on June 14, 1955, and forwarded to Mr. Boardman who read it and approved it, thereafter forwarding it to Mr. Tolson's Office, where it was received at 9:54 A.M., June 15, 1955.

Inspector Sizoo advised this monograph was in Mr. Tolson's office three work days which coincided with "Operation Alert"; that he was aware this was the first effort on the part of the analyst who prepared it; that he started reading it at home late Wednesday evening (6-15-55) and noting changes considered desirable on page two of the introductory material, felt he should take the necessary time to read it carefully; that with the press of more urgent mail during the period he did not get to it until the week-end, returning it to Scatterday shortly after 9:00 A.M., Monday, June 20, 1955, for suggested changes. He states he will see that such monographs are handled more currently in the future.

Scatterday forwarded the monograph to Inspector Sullivan in whose section it had been prepared with the request that the changes desired by Mr. Sizoo be made. It was received by Sullivan at 10:24 A.M. on June 20, 1955. It was returned by Sullivan to Mr. Tolson's Office at 9:15 A.M., June 21, 1955.

RECOMMENDATION:

This memorandum be referred to Mr. Tolson and to the Director for their information.

Belmont will make every effort to read these briefs promptly in the future.

ADDENDUM: 6-23-55 (LVB:WMJ)

The necessity for affording these matters more prompt attention was emphasized to Belmont.

L. V. Boardman

*This is really
playing games*

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This is an understatement
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MR. TOLSON

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FROM : R. T. HARBO

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SUBJECT:

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF ARMY
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
(Bureau File: #121-19570)

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Review of charges of inadequate handling & of Administrative Action.

Background:

Memorandum 7/19/55 Harbo to Tolson analyzed [REDACTED] loyalty investigation; pointed out that Army, contrary to Delimitations Agreement, investigated matter during 1948 and part of 1949; case turned over to FBI 6/30/49; results disseminated 10/28/49. Army Security Review Board & [REDACTED] Attorney Advisor to Army Security Hearing Board, criticized investigation; G-2 furnished Liaison Agent John F. Sullivan 5/6/55 analyses by Army Boards and Andrews; Sullivan, in informal conversation in early May with Col. Quinto of G-2, committed Bureau to no further investigation in response to an Army question as to whether FBI experts should evaluate case further; Sullivan submitted memo on this matter 6/30/55. Full criticism not set forth to Director until you initiated inquiry. Separate memos submitted re administrative action recommended for each employee; this memo is to record briefly in one communication all the charges of dereliction and the administrative action.

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1. [REDACTED] SA, RECORDED - 133 67-193229-216
Former SA [REDACTED] 7/14/49 reported receipt of request of 6/30/49 from Army for investigation. [REDACTED] Linberg, then a supervisor in Loyalty Section, initiated investigation by letter 8/1/49. Army admitted violating Delimitations Agreement by conducting extensive investigation prior to referral to us. Bureau made no protest & did not insist on accept case. (Delay from 7/14/49 to 8/1/49 unreasonable; Linberg opened case & his responsibility included a protest.) (CENSURE; PROBATION)

2. W. D. Temple, SA.

Temple, Chief in WFO, conducted investigation (using as leads

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Army report of 5/9/49 which contained allegation [] on 8/3/48 in telephone call spoke of "slipping out" a top secret document re Project X) and submitted loyalty report 9/21/49. By Bureau letter 10/6/49 Temple instructed to interview two Army investigators (1 was then in Europe & 1 out of service). Temple took the word of the military agents' commanding officer that they could furnish no additional information. Temple took no further action. (CENSURE)

3. A. C. Hayden, Jr., SA

Hayden approved SA Temple's 9/21/49 investigative report without seeing that 2 military Agents who conducted surveillances on subject were interviewed. (CENSURE)

4. A. B. Eddy, SA

Eddy, then Supervisor Loyalty Section, reviewed 9/21/49 report and 10/6/49 instructed WFO to conduct added investigation. He did not present for administrative action fact that he felt Temple's report lacked 3 essential items, believing this was question of investigative judgement and not a dereliction. (NO ACTION) Mr. Boardman is conducting additional inquiry to fix responsibility.

5. C. W. Bates, SA

Bureau's reports on investigation were furnished G-2. G-2 on 12/16/49 requested added investigation to develop more fully degree of Haycock's association with individuals previously named in army report & to clarify alleged espionage incident. On 1/9/50 Bates, as Liaison Agent, Told Col. Lynch, G-2, Bureau would conduct no further investigation to develop degree of associations as that information was used during loyalty check. Bates asked Lynch for more specific information re espionage incident; Lynch advised G-2 wanted no further investigation. Bates did not confirm in writing this contact with Lynch. (CENSURE)

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6. J. F. Sullivan, SA

On 5/6/59 Sullivan, Liaison Agent, was informally furnished by Col. Quinto, G-2, with Army Security Review and Army Security Hearing Board findings, and Army Attorney Advisor [] memo, and Army letters to [] & his views solicited. Sullivan turned documents over to Supervisor E. J. Rothfuss, Investigative Division; later photostated them & returned originals to Col. Quinto, telling him if he wanted added FBI investigation he should submit a memo. Sullivan's remarks to Quinto were later quoted in memo from G-2 to Army Security Review Board as official FBI opinion. Documents were, in part, highly critical & the FBI was not exempt from criticism

re the investigation. Sullivan on 6/30/55 by memo touched vaguely and generally upon the criticisms, which was the first written notice Bureau had re this & re the conversation had with Quinto. (CENSURE; PROBATION; DEMOTION & TRANSFER TO FIELD IN GS-13; NOT TO BE USED IN LIAISON OR SUPERVISORY CAPACITY IN FUTURE.)

7. E. J. Rothfuss, SA Supervisor, Employees Security Section
Rothfuss on 5/6 or 5/7/55 received above documents from Liaison Agent Sullivan; did nothing to alert his superiors to criticisms therein. Though Haycock case was essentially a loyalty matter, Rothfuss assumed primary allegation related to espionage; he leafed thru documents but did not read & evaluate them. (CENSURE; PROBATION; TRANSFER TO FIELD ON GENERAL ASSIGNMENT & NOT TO BE USED AGAIN AS SUPERVISOR)

8. [redacted] SA Supervisor, Espionage Section
[redacted] by memo Belmont to Boardman 7/7/55 and proposed letter to Army took issue with Army that a purported 7/12/50 letter to Bureau asked status of supplemental FBI investigation in Haycock case. [redacted] memo gave reasons for Bureau's discontinuance of Haycock investigation & included 1/9/50 FBI Liaison Agent contact with Army. Memo did not clearly set forth all the vicious criticisms by Army Security Review Board & Army Attorney Advisor [redacted] for Director's consideration. (CENSURE; PROBATION)

9. R. R. Roach, SA, Section Chief, Liaison Section
Roach is Chief of Liaison Section where Liaison Agent Sullivan is assigned; therefore is responsible for Sullivan's actions in this matter. (CENSURE; PROBATION)

10. A. H. Belmont
As Assistant Director of Domestic Intelligence Division, Mr. Belmont has over-all responsibility for actions of SAs Sullivan and [redacted]. Belmont did not question extent of criticism though he discussed case with [redacted]. (CENSURE; NO CHANGE IN PRESENT PROBATIONARY STATUS)

11. L. V. Boardman
Boardman failed to review [redacted] memo 7/7/55 and proposed letter to Army with sufficient closeness to realize memo was incomplete & inadequate. Boardman, also, as Assistant to the Director in charge of the Investigative and Domestic Intelligence Divisions, is responsible for actions of Sullivan, Rothfuss, [redacted], Roach and Belmont. (CENSURE; NO CHANGE IN PROBATIONARY STATUS)

RECOMMENDATION: None.....Informative - to summarize charges of inadequate handling and of administrative action into one document.

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A. H. Belmont
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FIELD FIREARMS TRAINING RECORD

SPECIAL AGENT

A. H. BELMONT

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OFFICE	MO. YR.	HS	PPC	SG	.30	MG	GAS	RD	30 Rounds	QUALI- FIED
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H. BELMONT

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July 11, 1955

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Belmont:

I am greatly concerned over the fact that you and several of your subordinates have failed to comply with Bureau regulations regarding participation in scheduled firearms training during the fiscal year 1955. Bureau instructions require each investigative employee to participate in four outdoor firearms training periods each fiscal year, two in the first half of the fiscal year and two in the latter half. I have noted that you and a number of investigative employees under your supervision failed to participate in such training periods during the latter half of the fiscal year 1955.

As Assistant Director of the Domestic Intelligence Division it is your responsibility to set an example for your subordinates. Therefore, I must insist that you arrange your work in such a manner as to enable you to participate fully in outdoor firearms training and to see to it that your subordinates do likewise.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CC: Mr. Boardman (Personal Attention)

Based on memorandum from Mr. Tolson to the Director dated 7/7/55
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• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DIRECTOR

DATE: 7/7/55

FROM : CLYDE TOLSON

SUBJECT :

TRAINING

The attached memorandum concerning the failure of employees at the Seat of Government to take the necessary firearms training is a shocking example of the disregard of officials at the Seat of Government to carry out Bureau instructions. L. V. Boardman

It is recommended that a strong letter of censure be directed to each Assistant Director who has personnel under his supervision who have failed to take the necessary firearms training during the past six months, or longer.

It is further recommended that Mr. Harbo set up a schedule immediately listing all officials and supervisors at the Seat of Government for firearms training covering the next six months' period. I believe that any employee so scheduled should not be excused from appearing for firearms training when scheduled unless you or I specifically approve the exception.

It is obvious that Mr. Harbo has done nothing during the six months' period to follow up the various Supervisors at the Seat of Government to see to it that they secured the required training. I have told Mr. Mason, in Mr. Harbo's absence, that he is going to be held strictly accountable for any delinquencies which occur in the future and that he must set up the necessary schedules now for the next six months' period and not wait until the very end of the six months' period.

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Harker should be
strongly censured
for failing to
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his responsibilities.

Memo written to Mr. Tolson
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Director, FBI

Domestic Security

FIREARMS DELINQUENCIES

The following personnel of your Division are delinquent in firearms training for the first half of the calendar year 1955:

A. H. Belmont, delinquent 4 shoots, fiscal year 1955
 F. J. Baumgardner, delinquent June shoot
 W. A. Brennan, delinquent April and June shoots
 J. W. Brown, delinquent April and June shoots
 F. V. Cleveland, delinquent June shoot
 T. Coleman, delinquent April and June shoots
 S. E. Donahoe, delinquent June shoot
 [redacted] delinquent June shoot
 [redacted] delinquent June shoot
 V. P. Keay, delinquent June shoot
 W. F. Kline, delinquent June shoot
 D. F. Lane, delinquent June shoot
 J. G. Landis, delinquent June shoot
 [redacted] delinquent June shoot
 E. B. Reddy, delinquent June shoot
 E. S. Sanders, delinquent June shoot
 [redacted] delinquent June shoot
 D. J. Sullivan, delinquent June shoot
 W. C. Sullivan, delinquent June shoot
 [redacted] delinquent April and June shoots
 K. A. Fosburgh, delinquent April and June shoots
 J. E. Wacks, delinquent June shoot
 [redacted] delinquent June shoot
 [redacted] delinquent April and June shoots
 [redacted] delinquent June shoot.

This is an undesirable situation, and I want all firearms delinquencies removed by the close of business July 20, 1955, unless meritorious circumstances exist, in which event you shall submit an explanation and advise what the delinquency will be removed.

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The Training and Inspection Division is under instructions to report firearms delinquencies for fiscal year 1965 which have not been made up by the close of business July 28, 1965, and to submit to me appropriate recommendations for administrative action.

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July 27, 1955

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Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Belmont:

I have given careful consideration to the facts relating to the handling by you and personnel under your supervision of certain information pertaining to Nancy Anne Haycock received during May, 1955, from another Government agency. I have observed that you discussed this material with an agent under your supervision and it is evident that you did not exercise sufficient initiative to secure all of the facts regarding the FBI handling of this matter and regarding criticism expressed by this other agency.

Furthermore, the agent who received this material in the first instance served under your supervision and acted most improperly in failing to immediately record on May 6, 1955, the receipt of certain documents from this other agency relating to Haycock. In addition, another supervisor of the Domestic Intelligence Division prepared a memorandum and a proposed letter to this agency in early July, 1955, although he did not clearly present for the information of Bureau officials all of the pertinent data of a critical nature regarding the Bureau.

I am deeply concerned over the loose administration of the Domestic Intelligence Division as evidenced by the handling of this matter. Accordingly, you are being continued on probation. I must insist that you immediately take appropriate steps to tighten up your administration of the Domestic Intelligence Division and to insure that there is no recurrence of such laxity on your part or on the part of your subordinates.

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CC: Mr. Boardman (Personal Attention)

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Mr. Harbo

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

5 BUREAU Mr. Harbo to Mr. Tolson, 7/21/55, EDM:MDG

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : MR. R. T. HARBO

SUBJECT: ALAN H. BELMONT
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
ON PROBATION

DATE: 7/21/55

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BACKGROUND:

My memorandum of 7/19/55, analyzed the [redacted] Loyalty investigation and pointed out that the Army, contrary to the Delimitations Agreement, investigated this matter during 1948 and part of 1949; case turned over to FBI 6/30/49; results disseminated 10/28/49. Army Security Review Board and [redacted] Attorney Advisor to Army Security Hearing Board, offered criticism of investigation; Liaison Agent John F. Sullivan 5/6/55, furnished by G-2 with analyses by Army Boards and Andrews; Sullivan in informal conversation in early May with Colonel Quinto of G-2, committed Bureau to no further investigation in response to an Army question as to whether FBI experts should evaluate the case further; Sullivan did not submit a memorandum on this matter until 6/30/55. No one at the Seat of Government set forth the full criticism for the Director's consideration until you initiated inquiry. Separate memoranda submitted concerning any desirable administrative action; this memorandum deals solely with captioned employee.

SPECIFIC CHARGES AGAINST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR BELMONT

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1. As Assistant Director in charge of the Domestic Intelligence Division, of which the Espionage and Liaison Sections are part, Mr. Belmont has over-all responsibility for effective performance of all [redacted] 40

As reported in a separate memorandum, Liaison Agent John F. Sullivan acted improperly in that he failed to immediately record on May 6, 1955, receipt of pertinent information from G-2 concerning [redacted]; a few days later, after causing this material to be examined by another Bureau Supervisor, Sullivan provided informal comments to Colonel Quinto of G-2.

cc-Messrs. Boardman

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Letty Censure
to Belmont
ACM: [redacted]

3- [redacted]
2- [redacted]

These comments were in response to a question raised in Army documents relating to [] and the question was whether the [] matter should be evaluated by FBI experts well versed in Espionage. Sullivan advised G-2 in substance that the Bureau's position was unchanged from that reported to G-2 1/9/50. No Bureau official had an opportunity to clear or pass upon this matter prior to Sullivan's comments to Quinto, which bound the Bureau to a course of no further investigation.

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2. Supervisor [] of the Domestic Intelligence Division, in preparing a proposed letter to the Army in early July, taking issue with an Army assertion that a letter of 7/12/50, had been sent to the FBI inquiring as to the status of the [] investigation, mentioned the two major points of criticism by the Army Security Review Board, but did not clearly present all of the pertinent information of critical nature. Thus, Messrs. Boardman, Tolson and the Director were unaware of the extent and full nature of criticism by the Army Security Review Board and Army Attorney Advisor R. T. Andrews.

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3. Belmont did not raise a question as to the extent of criticism by Army Security Review Board or Army Attorney R. T. Andrews even though he discussed this case with Supervisor [] of Domestic Intelligence Division.

4. Belmont exercised insufficient initiative in failing to secure all of the facts of FBI handling of the [] matter and criticism expressed by the Army. He had available to him the same documentary material which was available to you and yet you detected it. The fact that weaknesses and criticism existed since Belmont had discussed this case with representatives of his division, his failure to detect and spread on the record the full facts is inexcusable.

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EVALUATION:

Mr. Belmont is currently on Annual Leave. Explanations have not been obtained from him concerning this matter; however, it is obvious that there were deficiencies as to personnel in the Domestic Intelligence Division and as Division Head it is the responsibility of Mr. Belmont to appropriately train and arrange for the supervision of employees to prevent such deficiencies. Belmont was personally derelict in failing to question the extent of Army criticism and in failing to inquire as to the quality of FBI handling of the [] material. He kissed this matter off so that superiors with even less information than Belmont had available had to launch questions of pertinence to the Bureau. He displayed

| inexcusable lack of interest.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Censure

Did not detect and record criticism of Army in documents made available to him; inadequate performance by employees under his general supervision.

2. No change in present probationary status.

I concur. I am getting
more & more concerned
about the loose administration
of Dom. Int. Div.

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I agree
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MESSRS. BOARDMAN, MOHR AND NEASE AGREE.

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